

Morning Worship—December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

Lessons and Carols Service A Festival Of Lessons and Carols by Hal Hopson

PRELUDE "Carol Prelude" Handbells/organ

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Joy" Wilson & Leigh Walden

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it, and the candle of Hope as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy. [The Candles of Hope & Peace are lit.] Today we light the third candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope and peace grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. [The Joy Candle is lit.] Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Thank you, God, for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn # 41 Chancel Choir & Congregation stanzas 1,2,&4
Choir Only: Stanza 3

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15 Lisa Brown
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" Hymn # 11 Chancel Choir & Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We know that Your grace, as shown in the gift of Jesus Christ, can make us whole, so we ask You to forgive us through Him one more that we may glorify You in all we do. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ Jesus died for us, sinners.

People: He bore our sins upon the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. From the cross, for us, flows mercy and grace, Believe in the good news!

People: In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" Hymn # 11 Chancel Choir & Congregation

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 Nathan Brown
The God of Abr'am Praise Hymn # 488 Chancel Choir & Congregation

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6,7 Jackson Weller
"Comfort, Comfort, O My People" Chancel Choir

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Trevor Brown
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Tom Gillespie

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Doxology 591 (Children Dismissed) OLD HUNDREDTH

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23 Ray Hayes

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Hymn # 28 Chancel Choir and congregation stanzas 1 & 3
Chancel Choir: stanza 2

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Brannon Blount

"Angels We Have Heard On High" Chancel Choir and congregation

Stanza 1:(Chancel Choir & Congregation) Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains, in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Stanzas 2-3: Chancel Choir Only

Stanza 4: (Chancel Choir & congregation) See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Jarrod Brown
"From a Distant Home" Hymn 64 Chancel Choir and congregation

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Bernadine Hayes

HOMILY

"Joy to the World" Hymn # 40 Chancel Choir and congregation stanzas 1,2

CHORAL INTERLUDE

Stanza 4: Chancel Choir and congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O God, who made us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive the Word made flesh as our redeemer, we may one day with sure confidence behold the Son of Righteousness, who will come to be our judge; who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Carol Prelude (Reprisal)" Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Alice Bradshaw, (Becky Meadema's Mother), Mary Bray, Kathy Cropp, Marilyn East, Mrs. H. Harris (Kathleen Harris' Mother), Maurice Katoen, Nancy Poindexter, Richard Ramey, Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Dianne East, Nultie Wiseman

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of the deceased members of the Wiseman family by Nultie, Paige and Frank Wiseman.

Holbrook St. Pres. Church invites you to their annual Christmas Concert today Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. featuring Southside Elementary Chorus & Brass Ensemble light refreshments will be served. Join them in a celebration of music & friendship.

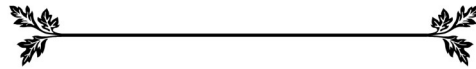
Our Community Prayer Service will be tomorrow Monday Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

The children will present the Nativity scene at the 5 p.m. Family Candlelight Service December 24th. There will be rehearsal today following worship meet in the Overbey Fellowship Hall, church will provide lunch. Saturday December 23rd we will meet at 1:30 p.m. to rehearse in the sanctuary. Every year we look forward to this wonderful opportunity for our children to serve our Lord by sharing the story of his birth.



SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	K. Clifton/D. Shelton
Children's Sunday School	Whitney & Catie Clarke Lisa & Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door	J. Perez
Friendship Period	K. Dolianitis/G. Hayes
Deacon to Receive Offering	ML Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Bunny Hayes
Sound System	Sam Meadema
Ushers	Team 3
Flower Ministry	Elders
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 23	H. Beale/Beale



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 18

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00p.m. Community Prayer Service

TUESDAY, December 19

5:15 p.m. Handbells

THURSDAY, December 21

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 22

All Day Church Office Closed



SATURDAY, December 23

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
1:30 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Bible Fellowship, Library
Seekers, Rm 109
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service