

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLMAR, MN
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*Please rise as you are able
Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***Opening Words**

From a branch sprouting
Hope is coming
The heavens are shifting
Hope is coming
A troubled world waits
Hope is coming

Lord, we, your people, wait patiently,
hanging on with Advent hope.
Lord, we bring you ourselves,
we bring you our worship.

***Advent Invocation**

"Jesus, Be With Us"

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**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day
to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.
Jesus be with us today.**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hymn #82 (GG)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination #701 (GG)

“Sanctuary”

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**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
(repeat)**

Scripture Lesson

TBD

Message

“TBD”

Rev. Scott L. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Affirmation #105 (GG)

Verses 1, 4, 5

"People, Look East"

Words and Music by Eleanor Farjeon and Martin Shaw, based on French folk melody
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**People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn #313 (GG)

**"Lord, Make Us More Holy"
African American Spiritual**

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**Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.**

**Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.**

**Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.**

**Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.**

Charge & Benediction

“The Blessing”

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**The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
(repeat)**

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

POSTLUDE