

First Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

Rev. Matthew Shultz – Pastor

Jan Gruhn - Organist

Prelude: *“Sheep May Safely Graze”* J.S. Bach

Greetings

Please sign an attendance card and pass it down the row.

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 100-“A psalm for giving grateful praise”

Please open your pew bibles to Psalm 100, found on page 593. I will read the odd numbered verses, and we will all read the even numbers aloud together.

✠ Hymn *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #20

Lighting of the Candle *The Lindemuth Family*

Time of Reconciliation

Liturgist – John Beard

(inspired by Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11)

Leader: Holy God, open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit upon us, within us, and among us.

For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

All: Forgive us, and move us to passion.

(Silent confession)

Leader: If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,

All: Forgive us, and fill us with compassion.

(Silent confession)

Leader: For our participation in systems that enslave,

All: Forgive us, and give us courage.

(Silent confession).

Leader: When our mouths remain too tightly closed,

All: Forgive us, and embolden us with songs of praise.

(Silent confession)

Leader: Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.

All: Hold us in your mercy, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news of the

Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ Response *Gloria Patri* #805

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The Word

Time for Children

Choral Anthem *“Come, Light of Christmas”* *Ovokaitys*
Paul Lindemuth, cello

Scripture one Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Page 739-740

Scripture two: Luke 1:46-55 Page 1013

Sermon: Pastor Matt Schultz

The Response

✠ Hymn *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* #133

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”* Uehlein

✠ **Response**

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

✠ **Prayer of Dedication** ***Pastor Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

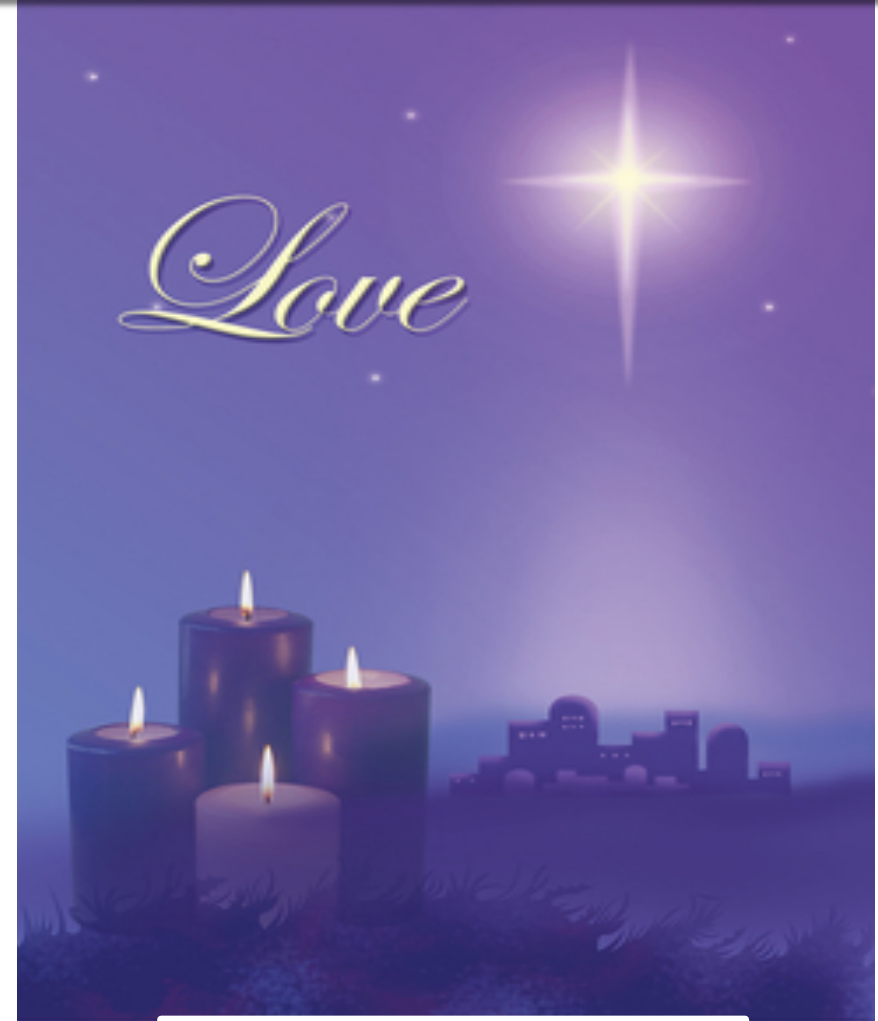
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power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

Hymn *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* #157

Benediction

Postlude *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* *Arr., Young*

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