

First Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

Matt Schultz – Pastor

Marie Matetich-Organist

Bill Hazelton-Liturgist

Prelude: Once in Royal David's City

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

✠ **Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #135

Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Burton Family

Leader: Our Call to Worship this week is also the lighting of the second Advent Candle – the candle of Peace. As we gather together to worship God, we remember the prophetic words of Isaiah:

"Unto us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders."

All: And he will be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Through these words, God brought comfort to a troubled people, and hope to a despairing nation.

All: We pray that God will also bring us comfort and joy.

Leader: Through these words, God brought the people a promise of Peace. And so we light the Peace candle.

All: We pray that God's peace will be upon us, and upon our neighbor.

Leader: We watch for the day when God's peace will be known by all people. We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.

Come, let us walk in the light of God.

All: Come, let us worship God

Sung Response: Verse one of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Time of reconciliation- adapted from the Worship Sourcebook

Leader: Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world.

All: We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.

Leader: We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us.

All: We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season, and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

Leader: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return, and help us rejoice in the light.

All: ...so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.

Leader: We pause now for a moment of silent confession

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all 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

Time for Children

Choral Anthem

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Scripture 1: Isaiah 9:6-7
Scripture 2:
Sermon Pastor Matt
The Response

✠ Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Now my People" #132

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Burkhardt

Response **Doxology** **#809**
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

The Lord's Supper Invitation to the Table

Song of preparation

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*

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

✠ Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the

✠ Benediction

Postlude The King Shall Come Ore

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