

# First Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

Matt Schultz – Pastor

Marie Matetich-Organist

Bill Hazelton-Liturgist

**Prelude:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Burkhardt

## Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

✠ **Hymn:** “The First Noel, the Angel Did Say” #162  
Verses: 1-4

**Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Candles: (from Psalm 136)**  
The Lindemuth Family

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We sing of God’s mercy and grace shown to all generations.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We rejoice that God’s promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We praise God’s constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

**All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

—candles are lit—

Leader: Let us watch for the day when God’s Love will be known by all people.

**All: 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

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

