

First Presbyterian Church
December 10th, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Marie Matetich – Organist

Prelude: “Noel” D’Aquin

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn** “Savior of the Nations, Come” #138

Lighting of the Advent Candles Bonnie Allen and Max Norvell

Reader: Today is the second Sunday of Advent, so we light the second candle on our Advent wreath: the candle of Love.

Reader: Thousands of years ago, Isaiah said that God tends his flock like a shepherd, gathers the lambs in his arms, carries them close to his heart, and gently leads those that have young. Isaiah proclaimed God’s Love for the people.

Reader: Jesus reminded us of that love when he said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

Reader: As we light the candle of Love, we remember the people that we love who are still with us, and also those people we love who have died, and await us in the presence of God.

Reader: Let us pray: God, we proclaim our love for you, and we remember our love for people who are with us, and for people who have passed on. We recognize that love is a blessing, and it comes at a cost.

All: Fill us with your love, and give us the courage to spread love throughout your world.

Reader: Help us to remain in your Love, so we may be your light shining in the dark places of our world.

All: We pray this in the spirit of your Love, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 for Reconciliation Liturgist Kay Brown

Leader: As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge that we have all fallen short of God’s will for us.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We acknowledge that we serve ourselves over others, that we sin against you and your children in our thoughts, words, and actions.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: In your infinite love, forgive us, and help us to live in ways that more closely follow you.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We pause now for a moment of silent confession.

Leader: In the birth of Jesus, God has given the gift of presence.

All: Lord, we give thanks!

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God has given the gift of love.

All: Christ, we rejoice!

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God has given the gift of grace.

All: Lord, we celebrate!

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 the Peace

Kid's Time

Choral Anthem

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Scripture

John 1:1-14

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ Hymn

"I Wonder as I Wander"

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

Offertory

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Burkhardt

Response

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 / 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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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Benediction

Postlude:

"Unto Us a Child is Born"

Bach

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