



# First Presbyterian Church

## Service Of Lessons & Carols

# Unto Us A Child Is Born

**Gathering Music** Bob Duda, Pianist

**Welcome & Announcements** Jim Franklin, Greeting Elder

**Call To Worship** Aubrey Boswell  
(See Insert)

**Prayer of Invocation For The Indwelling Of The Spirit** Heidi Ames

\* **Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" #133 (Vs. 1 & 3) NPH

**Advent Candle Lighting** (See Insert)  
Montgomery and Gayle Families

**Hymn** "The First Noel" #147 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Isaiah 9:2, 6; 7:14 Sebastian Dekay

**Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #88 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18-23 Vicki McLain

**Hymn** "What Child Is This" #145 (Vs. 1)

**Responsive Reading** Luke 1:40-55 Rev. Leia Lutz  
(See Insert)

**Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard On High" #113 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Luke 2:1-7 Olivia Sullivan

**Hymn** "Away In A Manger" #115 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1 Doug Wingerath

**Hymn** "We Three Kings" #151 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Matthew 2:2-6, Micah 5:2 Barb Brown

**Hymn** "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #121 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-12 Dick Partch

**Hymn** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" #123 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Luke 2:13-18 J.J. Jockel

**Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #119 (Vs. 1)

**Homily** "The Clarity of Christmas" Luke 1:39-45  
Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

### Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

### Offering

**Pastoral Prayer (Creator Of the Stars) and Lord's Prayer**  
(*"Debts & Debtors"; Inside front cover of the hymnal.*)

\* **Advent Doxology** *To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"*

Praise God from who all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Praise God! From whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

\* Please Stand, Physically or Spiritually



\* Hymn "Joy To The World" #134 (Vs. 1)

\* Benediction Patrick LaPierre

*One:* Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light,

*Many:* And usher in the morning.

*One:* Ye Shepherds, shrink not with affright.

*Many:* But hear the angel's warning.

*One:* This child now weak in infancy,

*Many:* Our confidence and joy shall be.

*One:* The power of Satan breaking,

*Many:* Our peace eternal making.

Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain" #136 (Vs. 1 & 3)

Postlude "Gesù Bambino" Doug Wingerath

Offerings may be placed in the collection basket  
at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

(The service will also be streamed on our Youtube Channel.)

### Prayer Remembrances

We remember in prayer Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Rich Grayson, Alice Poole, Shirley Norton, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Nancy and Mark Brown, the Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Mary Theisen, Shirley Degouf-Brassard, Pam Constantine (sister of Barry Walch), Else Brown, Bill Parker's sister Rose Ann Manfredi, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

# The First Presbyterian Church

on the Park



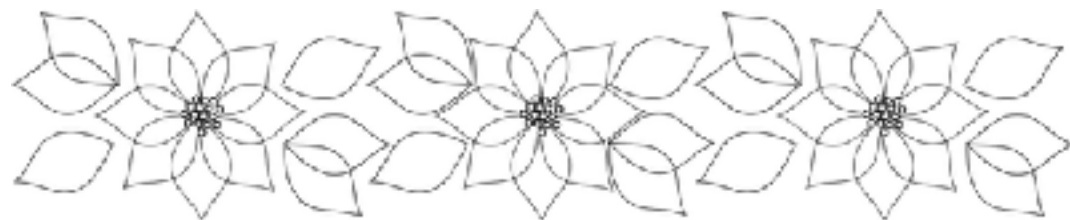
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LESSONS  
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## Call To Worship

*One:* Look, the Maiden shall conceive and bear a Son,  
*Many:* And they will call him Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Look, see that God comes in the form of a homeless baby.  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Mary, be not afraid, for your son is...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Joseph, do not be disgraced, for he is...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Church, see that your homeless neighbor is...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Children of God, see your refugee neighbor is...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Servants of God, see that the person beside you is...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* God, may we welcome all as Christ in disguise, for you are...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* As our waiting draws to a close, may our eyes open to see...  
*Many:* Emmanuel, God with us.  
*One:* Thank you, God, for being present with us.  
*Many:* Amen.



## Responsive Reading

Luke 1:40-55

*One:* "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
*Many:* And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour;  
*One:* For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
*Many:* For behold, from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
*One:* For he that is might hath done to me great things;  
and holy is his name.  
*Many:* And his mercy is on them that fear him  
from generation to generation.  
*One:* He hath showed strength with his arm;  
*Many:* He hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
*One:* He hath put down the mighty from their seats,  
*Many:* And exalted them of low degree.  
*One:* He hath filled the hungry with good things;  
*Many:* And the rich he hath sent empty away.  
*One:* He hath given help to his servant Israel,  
*Many:* As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham,  
and to his seed forever."



# Poinsettias Given In Loving Memory



Debbie Darou by Olivia Sullivan

Arthur Christopher

by John and Mary Christopher

Loved Ones by Alice Poole

Anne S. Goetze by John A. Goetze

Mary Jo Whalen by a neighbor

Elsie Dana by Kathy Dana Gibson and Jeannie Dana Lewis

Eleanor and Raymond Erickson; Jane Erickson

by the Erickson Brothers

Evelyn Cassara and Anastasia Nestor; Coach Richard Nestor

by Richard M. Cassara

Ivy Boswell by Patience, Cameron & Aubrey Boswell

Sally and Robert Quinell

by Michelle Quinell-Gayle and Andrea Montgomery

George, Vicki, and Kurt Brown; Elsie Brown, Annie-Laurie

and Victor Virkler, and Edith Schwartz by Barb Brown

Nick Baffaro; Carlene Baffaro; Jeff Baffaro by Jan Moore

D.J. Witherhead; Frank and Alice VanDerstyne;

John and Ginny Witherhead by the Witherhead Family

## The 4th Sunday of Advent - LOVE

**Reader 1:** Today we will light  
the fourth candle in our Advent wreath,  
the candle reminding us  
of God's gift of love.

Before we do that, let us remember  
the gifts of God symbolized  
by the other candles in the wreath:  
the light of hope, the light of peace,  
and the light of joy.

*(First three candles are lit)*

The fourth candle helps us to remember  
that God is love.

*(The Fourth candle is lit.)*

**Reader 2:** The Bible tells us  
that it is because God loved the world  
so much that Jesus came.  
Mary sings her song in praise of God's love  
and goodness.

Because God loves us, we must love  
and care for others.

Jesus came to show us how to love.

**Reader 1:** We are Jesus disciples in the world today.  
Jesus wants us to love others as he loves us.  
This candle reminds us that God loves us,  
and that we must show that love  
by loving others.

