

THE  
**PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH  
 ON THE HILL**  
 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
 DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2017 ~ 10:15AM  
*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
 HOLY COMMUNION

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

*“Two thousand years ago our gracious God, with a heart filled with love, looked out upon a sin-marred, tear-stained world. Had you and I been in charge we might have destroyed the whole mess and started over. But God’s great heart was too full of love to allow that. So he gave us the most precious gift at his disposal; he gave himself. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” ~Max Lucado, GOD CAME NEAR*

Peace Prayer *Deacon Carol Cox*  
 Prelude **“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”** *arr. Mark Hayes*  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle – HOPE**  
*The Degurski Family*

Call to Worship *Deacon Connie Perry*  
 Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be ready to welcome him.  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
 That keeping of Advent may open our hearts.  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
 That hope of Christ may change our lives.  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
 That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

☩ -- **LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED DURING THE SINGING** -- ☩

▲ Hymn No. 82 **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** *Hyfrydol*  
 ▲ The Invocation *Elder Michael Compoly*

Life on the Hill *Elder Letitia Jensen*  
 ♦Today Dec.3): ☩ Worship, **10:15am**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 ♦Monday (Dec . 4): Family Promise Coordinators Meeting, **7pm**  
 ♦Thursday (Dec . 7): Moms & Young Gals, **9:30-11am**  
 Adult Study, **11:30am-12:4**  
 Chancel Choir , **7:30pm**  
 ♦Sunday (Dec . 10): ☩ Worship, **10:15am**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Carols & Lesson with Westminster Church, **3:30pm**  
 Hillkidz, Middle Schoolers & Sr. Highs, **5-7pm**

Anthem **“Keep Your Lamps”** *arr. Andre Thomas*  
 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning  
 the time is drawing nigh.  
 Children don’t get weary ‘til your work is done.  
 Christian journey soon be over  
 the time is drawing nigh.  
*Congregational Choir*

☺ **Children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade will exit to Sunday school** ☺

Prayer of Confession (unison) *Deacon Jamie Montero*  
**Come into our emptiness, gracious God. We feel empty because we have shut you out of our lives. Break through our pretensions, Holy One. We pretend to be powerful because we have not claimed the peace that is available deep within when you dwell with us. Quiet our grumbling and complaining. We are impatient because we have focused on things, not on you. Enter our lives with the forgiveness you have promised to all who are truly sorry for their unfaithfulness. Release us from our self-created prisons. Hear the burden of our hearts as we offer to you our silent prayers:**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God has made a highway in the wilderness and brought forth streams in the desert! Jesus Christ came to break down the walls that divide us from God and from each other.

**Praise God! We are forgiven and freed to reach out in love.**

**1) Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
 every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
 Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
 every blessing left behind is only by his grace.  
 Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will  
 provide. Christ in us our cornerstone; we will go forth in  
 grace alone.**

**2) Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
 everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.  
 Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
 every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.  
 Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will  
 provide. Christ in us our cornerstone; we will go forth in  
 grace alone.**

Old Testament Lesson



Isaiah 40:1-11 NIV  
Elder Anne Pagnoni

(see bulletin,  
or pew Bible, p. 667)

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people,  
 says your God.  
<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
 and proclaim to her  
 that her hard service has been completed,  
 that her sin has been paid for,  
 that she has received from the Lord’s hand  
 double for all her sins.  
<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
 “In the wilderness prepare  
 the way for the Lord;  
 make straight in the desert  
 a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
 every mountain and hill made low;  
 the rough ground shall become level,  
 the rugged places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
 and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”  
<sup>6</sup> A voice says, “Cry out.”  
 And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
 “All people are like grass,  
 and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.  
<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
 because the breath of the LORD blows on them.  
 Surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
 but the word of our God endures forever.”  
<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
 go up on a high mountain.  
 You who bring good news to Jerusalem,  
 lift up your voice with a shout,  
 lift it up, do not be afraid;  
 say to the towns of Judah,  
 “Here is your God!”  
<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
 and he rules with a mighty arm.  
 See, his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense accompanies him.  
<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
 He gathers the lambs in his arms  
 and carries them close to his heart;  
 he gently leads those that have young.  
 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory **“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”** *Wilbur Held*

▲ Doxology

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
 Praise God, all creatures here below:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ Prayer of Dedication

*Elder Linda Klose*

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

New Testament Lesson



**Mark 13:24-37** NIV

*Elder Mike Ryan*

(see bulletin,  
or pew Bible, p. 50)

<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,

and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

<sup>26</sup>“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

<sup>28</sup>“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

<sup>35</sup>“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

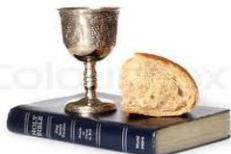
Message

**“Get Ready, Get Set, Wait!”**

*Pastor Mueller*

Hymn of Preparation No. 500

**“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”** *St. Flavian*



**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Breaking of the \*Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

*(\*The bread in the small cup is gluten free.)*

Music at Communion:

**“Huron Carol”**, arr. John Carter

**“Oh, Come, Emmanuel,”** arr. Calvin Hampton

***LET US PARTAKE TOGETHER, WHEN ALL ARE SERVED.***

**(Silent Prayer)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God’s benefits**

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say, praying:

***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 No. 133 **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*Adeste Fideles*

*(stanzas 1, 3)*

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude

**“Adeste Fideles”**

*arr. Noel Rowsthorne*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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Leadership and Administrative Staff

Bill Turner, Pastor  
Lisa Keller, Director of Christian Ed. & Nurture  
Jeff Unger, Director of Music/Organist  
Bonnie Carle, Nursery Supervisor  
Isaiah Mason, Director of Children's & Youth Music  
Sharon Fix, Clerk of Session  
Stephen Lofthouse, Head Usher  
Dot French, STEPHEN MINISTRY COORDINATOR  
Michael Compoly, TREASURER  
Megan Zarodnansky, DEACON CO-MODERATOR  
Judy Quitne, DEACON CO-MODERATOR  
Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR  
Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR

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*We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all.  
As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God.  
Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of  
friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear,  
please speak to Pastor Turner, or one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.*

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*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in Celebration of my Dad, Carl Engemann's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

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Serving Today

- ⊕ **Greeters:** Don and Simone Acqué  
⊕ **Ushers:** Team 1 – Rick Degurski, capt., John Black, Jackie Colin,  
Helen Brandstetter, Chris Tobin, Rebecca Hanly  
⊕ **Fellowship Time:** Nancy Kinasczuk  
⊕ **Flower Duty:**  
⊕ **Trustee Duty:** Wendy Robinson, Maureen Bonney  
⊕ **Communion Setup:** Robin Compoly, Pastor Turner  
⊕ **Communion Cleanup:** Sherri Ryan, Gail Loeser  
⊕ **Elders and Deacons Serving Communion:** Kent Donahue,  
capt., Maureen Bonney, Wendy Robinson, Mike Ryan,  
Joanie Kralyovich, Janet Lee, Connie Perry, Stephanie Toth  
⊕ **Deacons Serving Communion to Contacts:** Judy Quitne,  
Joanie Kralyovich, Carol Cox, Gee McCormick, Robin  
Compoly



*Next Sunday, December 10 at 3:30pm, the PCOH  
Chancel Choir will combine with the Westminster  
Church Choir to present a Service of Advent Lessons  
and Carols. We are hosting this special celebration  
with Erika Sayar and Dr. Jeff as the directors.*

## Our Kids are Singing!

Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - during the 10:15am Service  
Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - during our 5pm Candle Light  
Service

### HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- ✓ Practice with your child, song sheets for both  
Sunday's are included
- ✓ Attend Sunday school - Isaiah will be rehearsing  
with the kids during Sunday School
- ✓ Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - be here ready to  
rehearse at 9:30am in the sanctuary
- ✓ Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - be here ready to  
rehearse at 4:30pm in the sanctuary



December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### NURSERY CARE

TODAY

Jean Brown

Dec. 10 Jamie Montero      Dec. 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dec. 24 \_\_\_\_\_      Dec. 31 \_\_\_\_\_



### Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle

Stephanie Toth

Jessica Compoly

Cheryl Schleuss

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

(fellowship hall)

Carol Cox

Sherri Ryan

Meghan Pringle

Laura Ransom

#### 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

(youth room)

No Sunday School

Confirmation Retreat

Holy Communion

Sandy Pristas

Jill Vacchiano

## Sunday School

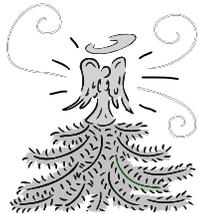
### Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Day

10:15am

Special Time for all kids 4 Years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Games, Crafts, Activities

(fellowship hall)



#### Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree in the chancel needs to be decorated with ornaments from your household. If you have not brought an ornament (or wish to

bring another) please simply hang a personal ornament from your home on our tree.

#### MANY THANKS!

Our sanctuary, parlor and outside doors are adorned for the holiday season thanks to a few folks who gave up time on Saturday morning. Thank you all!



*Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “to come”. This special season of the Christian year includes the four Sundays before Christmas Day. It is a time to prepare for God’s greatest gift, the birth of Jesus Christ.*

*The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.*

*Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.*

*Its circle represents God’s unending love; the evergreens symbolize the hope of eternal life. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles represent love, hope, and peace; a pink candle is used for the third Sunday and symbolizes joy.*



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