



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son,
in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah.*

*May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness
as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying Paul Manz

BRINGING THE LIGHT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

Song: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

#85, Verse 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The mystery of the ages is now revealed.

To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You offer us a place in your house,
yet we find no room for you in our lives.
You invite us into your eternal realm,
yet we fail to welcome others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let your word of life be with us
so that we may truly believe
that nothing is impossible with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be,
World without end, amen. World without end, amen. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

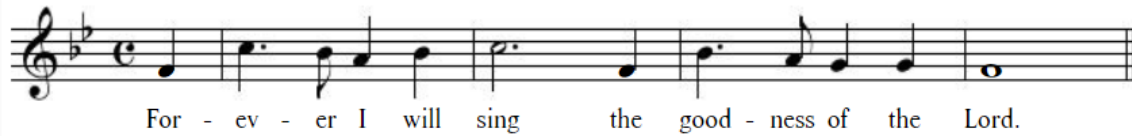
PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

A Joyful Gloria

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Here I Am

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF LIAM TIMOTHY FARRIS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER AND WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Max Reger

*DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One
praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in one.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

John Innes

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for December 31: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for December is Soup. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

Please join us for a special **Christmas Eve candlelight service, tonight** at 7pm.

Please remember to turn in your **pledge cards for 2018**. More cards can be found in the Narthex.

Reminder, **the office will be closed** December 25-26 and January 1st.

SUNDAY **December 24**

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

MONDAY **December 25**

Office Closed

TUESDAY **December 26**

Office Closed

SUNDAY **December 31**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service