

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard
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Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
December 4, 2016
Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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**Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service*

WELCOME — Please date, fill out, and pass the red Friendship Register to your neighbor.

PRELUDE – *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Schop/arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** # 8

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS - (in unison)Adapted from The Exeter Book, c. 950

O just and faithful King, you can unlock the prison-house of fear and all that draws us away from You and let us out into the glorious freedom of your love....Open the gate of this prison, and lead us to your kingdom, which is our true home. Come now, high King of heaven. Come to us in flesh and bone...Seek us out, who are lost in the darkness... Impart to us all your everlasting joy, so that we, who are fashioned by your hands, may praise your glory. In your name we pray.
Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Glory Be to the Father (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

One: Advent is the time for waiting. Waiting for the Messiah; waiting for peace.

Many: We wait for the Lord; our souls wait.

One: With the birth of the Christ Child comes the rebirth of peace for all the world.

Many: Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you; my piece I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

One: O come, Desire of Nations, and be our King of Peace. Stir up your power,
O Lord our God, and come. Bring peace to ourselves, our homes, our families,
and our world.

Many: You have promised peace beyond understanding; we long to receive you.

(Singing)

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put
to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.

ANTHEM - Hope and Expectation arr. Joseph Martin

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 1:9-17 (New Testament, **Page 199** in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

The Coming, God and Sinners Reconciled

The Coming of the King and his Kingdom

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – People Look East** **#12**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

*(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card.
Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)*

The Anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem - *Advent Bell Carol* Douglas Wagner

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – ADVENT DOXOLOGY (#593)**

**Praise Christ, the child of Bethlehem, Whom all the world did once condemn;
May our remembrance of His birth Bring peace again to all the earth. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Offering of Prayer (in unison) Adapted from *The Roman Missal

God of hope and joy, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. Let no vanity hinder us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving

All Sing:

**In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice,
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (1 time)**

The Lord’s Prayer (Debtors version)

Words of Institution

Communion of Bread and Cup

Closing

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves
abound! Christ is able to make us one, at the table He sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. Jesus
lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves
abound!**

Prayer

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Congregational Response: God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a Shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE - Carole Prelude on O Come Little Children John G. Barr**

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**Visitors, following worship please join us on the patio
for juice and coffee.**

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Lay Reader — Ellen Yamrick

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ted and Donna Beutner in memory of loved ones.

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PRAYER FAMILIES — Each Sunday, we include several of our First Church families in our daily prayers to sustain them in Christian love and support. We will gladly add friends of the church to this. To be included, please call Lynn in the church office. This week, please pray for: **the Curtis family, the Czajkowski family, the Deibele family, Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Tom Backus, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, Helen Brown, Linda Cady, Barbara Crockett, Paula Cronin, Ed & Henrietta Curtis, Philip Fuller, Mary Humiston, Ann & Dick Hunter, Jayne Huston, Bill Huston, Jennifer Huston, Marge Karbacz, Stephanie Kunz, Argentina Mackway, Merle Mikesell, Earl Mohan, Pat Noga, Wilma Paquette, Ed & Kay Rasor, Rennie Rhodes, Norman Schoel, Bobby Snatchko, Garnet Snyder, Bonnie Springer, Daniel Williams**

BOARD OF DEACONS —

Deacons Fund offering — TODAY

These gifts will go to help members of our church and community when they face financial distress, or to help folks in need who God places in our path. **Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin.**

Just a reminder, **we continue to collect** non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies and gently used or new sneakers and blue jeans for the Jubilee Center. You may place these items in the narthex area.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

- The Good News Kidz (GNK)**, our Sunday educational program for children ages 4-10, 10 a.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420, December 6th**, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building
- Learning Center chapel — December 7th**, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary
- Early Learning Center chapel — December 7th**, 11:00 a.m., West Wing
- After Care chapel — December 9th**, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary
- Senior High Youth Group — December 11th**, 5:00 p.m., at the Starbuck’s on Young Circle

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 - 9:45a.m., chapel - A study focusing on the Scripture of the day.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, December 5th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 9th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting — **December 5th**, Noon, church office

Learning Center Board — **December 7th**, 4:00 p.m., chapel

Board of Deacons — **December 8th**, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE —

December 9th for the January 2017 edition

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —

Circle I— **December 6th**, 5:30 p.m., chapel

Kononia Circle —**December 10th**, in the home of Kathy Meyer

Our Annual Holiday Fair and Cook Sale is December 18th - so start thinking about what you would like to bake! **PW is collecting quart-size jars** for a Holiday Fair project. Please contact Kathryn Tyahla for information.

WORSHIP —

The Westminster Choir will present the Christmas cantata *Invitation to a Miracle* by Joseph M. Martin at the 10 AM service **NEXT Sunday, December 11th**. Joyful sounds abound in this beautifully written cantata.

The Westminster Ringers Bell Coir will present a concert at the 10 A. M. service on Sunday, **December 18th**.

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Looking Ahead

Justice Weekend - January 13th -15th

Wine & Cheese Justice party - January 13th

Bold Justice Network - January 15th

First Communion Orientation - January 18th

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4 - Advent 2

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Communion - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building	10:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 5

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff Meeting - Church Office	Noon
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

Learning Center Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
Circle I - Chapel	5:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Early Learning Center Chapel - West Wing	11:00 a.m.
Learning Center Board - Chapel	4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Westminster Choir	5:15 p.m.
Westminster Ringers Bell Choir	6:30 p.m.
Board of Deacons - Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9

Newsletter Deadline	
A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Learning Center Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
After Care Chapel - Sanctuary	4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Kononia Circle - in the home of Kathy Meyer	10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 11 - Advent 3

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Cantata - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building	10:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group — Starbucks on Young Circle	5:00 p.m.