

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard
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4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

December 18, 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 – Impressions on a French Noel Gabriel Fauré/arr. Douglas Wagner
Mary Silvestro, flute The Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Angels, from the Realms of Glory # 22**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (in unison) Adapted from E. B. Pusey, 1800-1882

Good Jesus, born as at this time, a little child for love of us, may you be born in us, that we may be a little child in love of you, and hang on your love as on our mother's bosom, trustfully, lovingly, peacefully; hushing all our cares in love of you. Forgive us for those many moments that we fail to live in such trust, love, and peace....Give us a deep love for you that nothing may be too hard for us to bear for love of you. In the name of the One, who bore everything for us, in Jesus' 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.**

Lighting of the Candle of Love

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

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

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

Many: This is how God shows love among us; God sent Gods one and only child into the world so we might live through Christ Jesus. This is love; not that we loved God, but that God loved us, and sent God's child as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

One: O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly;

Many: Teach us the way of love.

(Singing)

**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.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please, no applause.

SPECIAL MUSIC – A Collection of Christmas Handbell Choir Selections

On Christmas Night arr. Derek Hakes
In Dulci Jubilo arr. Derek Hakes
The Christmas Angels arr. Michael Helman
The First Noel arr. Kevin McChesney
Do You Hear What I Hear? Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne/arr. Douglas Wagner
Three Carol Settings , arr. Bill Ingram
 Joy to the World
 Once in Royal David's City
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (Please see insert.)

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 1:15-20 (New Testament, Page 200 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

**The Coming, God and Sinners Reconciled
The Coming Down of the King**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face And the
things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.**

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Debtors version) (front of Hymnal, pg. 16)

**Response - Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

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.)

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem - Gentle Carols of Bethlehem arr. Joseph Martin

***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 David Adam**

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come as King. Rule in our hearts. Come as love. Rule in our
minds. Come as peace. Rule in our actions. Come as power. Rule in our days.
Come as joy. Rule in our darkness. Come as light. Rule in our bodies. Come as
health. Rule in our labors. Come as hope. Your kingdom come among us.
In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Go, Tell It on the Mountain #29**

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 - Processional Trumpet on Adeste Fidele 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 — Judy Gensel

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ed & Kay Razor in memory of their mothers.

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 Fonseca family, the Funk family, the Gayler family, Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Tom Backus, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, Helen Brown, 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

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PW Annual Holiday Fair and Cookie Sale is on the patio today after church. We have lots of cookies to satisfy that sweet tooth. Please come see the beautiful gifts in the Holiday Fair. A great opportunity to find that perfect present, a little something for someone special, a stocking stuffer or a little something just for you.

Why not complete your holiday shopping with us?

Hope to see you on the patio after church.

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The Learning Centers cordially invite you to their Annual Christmas Pageant, Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary.

Please come and enjoy their singing, and cute, smiling faces!

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OPPORTUNITIES

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

**Please check our website: firstpreshlwdfl.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.**

Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org >

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

The Good News Kidz (GNK), our Sunday program for children ages 4-10, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 420, December 20th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

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

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, December 19th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 23rd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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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 18 - Advent 4

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.**
- Worship – Bell Concert - Baptism - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.**
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.**
- Holiday Fair & Bake Sale - Patio following worship**
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Monday, December 19

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

- Learning Centers' Christmas Program - Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 22

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

Friday, December 23

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

Saturday, December 24

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**
- Candlelight Service - Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.**
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.**
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**