

The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

December 14, 2008

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

God is in our midst; do not fear.

God rejoices to renew our lives in steadfast love.

God gathers us for this time of worship.

God claims us and promises us a home.

Trust in God who is our strength and life.

Give thanks to God, the source of our salvation.

We will sing praises and exalt God's name.

With joyous shouts, we will tell of God's glorious deeds.

Rejoice in God, whatever your circumstances.

Remember the good fortune God has shared with you.

We will not worry as we seek God's peace.

We open our hearts and minds to God's leading.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

Loving God, we rejoice in this season of anticipation as we remember your promises and look forward to ways that you reveal yourself to us. May your presence be real to us in this hour. Strengthen us for victories over temptation, for renewal of our love for you and one another, for leadership and service in your church. We give thanks that you have called us into community and commissioned us to make a difference in the world. Equip us here for the tasks you set before us. Amen



*Hymn

“He Is Lord”

Paul Smith

See insert

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We admit the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. We recognize that we have been far more concerned for our own welfare than for the building up of Christ’s body, the church. In our congregation, we have focused on survival more than service. We look for what we can gain more than for what we can give. Re-establish your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*RESPONSE #28 vs.3

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Word



CHILDREN'S SERMON



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

pg. 691-692 OT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL MUSIC "Allelulia, Song of Gladness" Sheldon Curry



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:6-9, 29

pg. 91-92 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

"God is with us, really!"



*HYMN #60

"Song of Mary"



OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

*Response #11 vs. 3 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

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A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me As earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new,
And from Your name shall never Withhold the honor due.

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are invited to participate in the Sacrament of Communion. Please come forward from the right side of the seats and return to your seats by the left side of the seats.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



LORD'S PRAYER

("debts" and "debtors")



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP



CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Sending



*HYMN #432

Song of Hope"

Stanza 2 and chorus

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God will be our Shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
we must not forget that God is always there.

Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*BENEDICTION



*RESPONSE

"Soon and Very Soon"

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Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Paul Moss

Lector

Denise Blake

Children's Sermon

Linda Leavell

Communion Assistant

Nancy Bessent

Ushers

Nancy Bessent

Sandy Nuessen

Keyboard

Amy Crouse

Our Prayers are With...

Family of Elsie Shearer, who died December 3.

Marcia Rimel, Peter Muritu, and Elizabeth Stephen-Cossie, who have continuing health problems.

The Task Force for the Future, the Session, and the congregation, as we move forward in planning for the future of our church.

Announcements...

Keith and Peggy Longstaff are new grandparents times two. Andrea and Phillip Lewis had a boy, Flynn, on November 21. Alexis and Gary Salmans had a girl, Gabrielle, on December 6.

Hats and scarves will be collected during December in the parlor. These items will go to the Salvation Army Family Shelter.

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The Prayer Chain is available for any concerns. Contact Phyllis Coyle at 913 371-3570.

Scriptures:

Dec. 21 — 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55 or Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26;
Rom. 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 24 — Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Dec. 25 — Dawn: Isa. 62:6-12; Ps. 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
Day: Isa. 52:7-10; Ps. 98; Heb. 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Dec, 27 — Isa. 61:10-62:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Jan. 4 — Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

A Partnership of Prayer for Heartland Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, Olathe KS

The Rev. Mark A. Hawke, Pastor
Mr. Chuck Lupton, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Olathe KS

The Rev. Jodi Mathews, Interim Pastor
Mr. Don Frankland, Clerk of Session

The great ends of the church

(Book of Order G-1.0200)

Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind

The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

The Maintenance of Divine Worship

The Preservation of the Truth

The Promotion of Social Righteousness

The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World

Welcome...The Session of First Church invites you to join us in our Worship of God. Membership in this congregation is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We welcome membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation.

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