

The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

December 7, 2008

2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Prepare the way of the Lord;

For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together!

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

O God of peace, your way is sure and leads to salvation. You send your Son, the promise of life eternal; your Holy Spirit guides us to truth. We hear your heralds proclaim the path of obedience, and receive your abounding grace, making firm our footsteps; we know that all is made ready to follow you faithfully. We praise you in thought, word, and deed. By your mercy, affirm your unending love for us, and in our worship make us alive in your promise. Amen



*HYMN #11

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Patient and loving God, as we wait for the coming of your kingdom you call us to lead lives of holiness and godliness.

We are slow to change our ways, even when they do not please or glorify you. We have lived unto ourselves and not to you. Forgive our carelessness in not heeding your will. Cleanse us, O God, that we would be without spot or blemish in your sight. Establish your rule in our hearts, that our lives may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 40:1-11

pg. 667 OT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL MUSIC “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

RICH GILL, SOLOIST



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

pg. 50 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

“Don’t shoot the messenger”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



LORD'S PRAYER

("debts" and "debtors")



*Hymn #13

"Prepare the Way"



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.



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending



*HYMN #423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*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, CLP

Lector

Sharon Smith

Children's Sermon

Ann Keeling

Keyboard

Joleen Welker

Ushers

Maria Coyle

Ed Fields

Our Prayers are With...

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

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

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

Announcements...

Janet Douglass, who is still recovering at the Presbyterian Manor from her recent car accident, will be moving to the Manor permanently. New address is:

Presbyterian Manor Rm. 344
7850 Freeman
Kansas City, KS 66112

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

Scriptures:

Dec. 14 — Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126 or Luke 1:47-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28
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

A Partnership of Prayer for Heartland Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, North Kansas City, MO

Ms. Cheryl Keimig, CLP
The Rev. Wilbur Whiteside, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Jolene N. Shaw, Clerk of Session
Donna Schnoor, Communicator

New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, MO

The Rev. Renee Meyer, Pastor
Ms. Phyllis Ferguson, 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.

Church Staff

Paul Moss, Pastor
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Sharon Smith, Financial Secretary
Crystal Mangos, Church Secretary
Ann Keeling, Treasurer
Lovell Watson, Custodian
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Jean Parrett
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Maria Coyle

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Pat Yingst

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Marilyn Schlosser

For those who would like to make a donation to the Deacons for a **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** or to the Deacons' Fund in memory or honor of someone, a list of those honored will be placed in the Christmas bulletin. The cost of a Poinsettia is \$6.50. The Deacons will purchase 3- 5 Poinsettias for the service in the parlor and any remaining donations will be added to the Deacons' Fund. **The deadline for these donations is December 12th.** The plants will be delivered to our care-and-concern members after Christmas.



DEACONS POINSETTIA FORM:

Please place this form in the offering plate with your payment, or bring or mail it to the church office.

Donation toward the Deacons' Fund or the purchase of poinsettias (\$6.50 each) _____Amount

Given in Memory/Honor of (circle one):

By: _____

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