

The Service Of Worship

First Presbyterian Church 4000 Victory Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102
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10:45 a.m.

November 30, 2008

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up thy might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

Open thou my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Hope of Jesus

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days

When the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

Amid threatening clouds of anger and selfish strife, come, O God, to bring light. Into our days of worry and anxiety, send a confident hope. Enrich us with spiritual gifts that transcend disappointments and spill out in generous compassion for all your suffering children. Meet us today where we are so we may be equipped for trials yet to come and for joys yet to be revealed. In Jesus' name. Amen



*HYMN #8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, “we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” We fail to call on your name; we don’t stir to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. “We are the clay, and thou art the potter.” May all that we do be the work of your hand.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*RESPONSE #28 vs.3

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”



The Word

CHILDREN’S SERMON



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS



Isaiah 64:1-9

pg. 694 OT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL MUSIC “Song of Exaltation” Fannie Crosby/Tom Fettke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING



Mark 13:24-37

pg. 50 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

“Lord I want to be ready”



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

(“debts” and “debtors”)



*Hymn

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.



OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

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



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending



*HYMN #12

“People, Look East”

*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

Corey Price

Children’s Sermon

Rich Gill

Keyboard

Joleen Welker

Ushers

Phyllis Coyle

Our Prayers are With...

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...

Congregational meeting will be today after worship service. We will be electing officers.

This Friday, December 5, is **Community Café**. On the menu: Bread, greenbean casserole, baked potato, meatloaf, and brownie sundae.

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. 7 — Isa. 40:1-11; Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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

Korean United Presbyterian Church of KS, Merriam, KS

The Rev. Cheong-Mo Yang, Pastor

The Rev. Yong Sup Chung, Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Jongwoong Kim, Clerk of Session

Mound City Presbyterian Church, Mound City, MO

Ms. Carson McCormack III, 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	Crystal Mangos, Church Secretary
Josef Walker, Redevelopment Coordinator	Ann Keeling, Treasurer
Sharon Smith, Financial Secretary	Lovell Watson, Custodian

Session

Paul Moss, CLP, Moderator	Sandra Nuessen, Clerk of Session	
<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Nancy Bessent	Phyllis Coyle	John Blake
Teresa Flournoy	Mary Janet Douglass	Ann Keeling
Jean Parrett	Sandy Nuessen	
Bruce Schlosser	Sharon Smith	

Deacons

Marilyn Schlosser, Moderator

<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Allen Boyd	Gary Coyle	Susan Claffin
Elizabeth Stephen-Cossie	Pat Yingst	Marilyn Schlosser
Maria Coyle		

