

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 · 10:00 AM

() Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids available

Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

CHRISTMAS REQUEST HYMN SING

Leader: Kim Nethaway

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Denton Family

Unison Prayer: **Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives & shine in our world. Amen**

*HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" # 10

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Carrie Scaccia

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets
and we have not listened.**

**We have not always understood what is best
or made way for your reign in our lives, our church,
and our society.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,
for the sake of Jesus our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 1 (v1)
**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 517

ANTHEM "There's a Light A-Comin'" David Lantz III

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 27

CHILDREN'S TALK Mary Grow

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN "Prepare the Way" # 13

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Prepare the Way" arr Burkhardt

Song of Praise "On Jordan's Bank" # 10 (v4)

**All praise to You, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore**

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Come and Fill" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer...using debts and debtors

*HYMN "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" # 409

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor: ... God is good

People: .. All the time!

*SUNG RESPONSE *(Choir starts followed by Congregation)*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,

That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on Thiman

"On Jordan's Bank"

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

**Salvation Army Angel Tree - Only 4 remain! Deadline Tuesday!
Thanks for your support**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Kevin Taylor; Dec 17: Don Hanson

Layreader is Carrie Scaccia; Dec 17: Christmas Pageant

Worship Recorder is Tom McGibbon. Dec 17: Sue Davidson

Deacon Ramp Duty is Carol Drumluk. Dec 17: Bruce Warcup

Coffee Break is immediately after 10am worship in our parlor. Join us for fellowship! Please help pick up if you are able

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Kirk & Linda Hinman; the Oliver-Rapp Family; Doug, Mary, Alex & Cara Yates; Tony & Linda Kimball; and Local Food Pantries

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today.....9:45 am Christmas Request Hymn Sing
- 10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break in parlor
- 11:15 am Church School
- Noon Youth Choir
- 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight in our Sanctuary
- Mon.....11:00 am PW Coordinating Team meets in parlor
- Tues Wednesday Morning Club Dress Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Peace Prayer Vigil
- 7:00 pm Serenity Circle Hot Chocolate Bar
- Wed..... Wed AM Club Performance in Sanctuary
- Thurs 7:30 am Western Pastor Group in parlor
- 3:00 pm Bible Study in Library
- BIB Packing at Trinity
- 7:00 pm Session Meets

NEXT SUNDAY.. Christmas Pageant, Christmas Joy Offering
Caroling & Lunch with our Deacons
3rd Sunday Food Pantry Collection for Rome Mission

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

Church School Youth: 11:15–Noon

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"Corrie Ten Boom & Lunch" Choir Room

Adult Ed: Corrie Ten Boom & Lunch; a 1-hour movie about a Dutch woman who sheltered Jews during WWII and then was herself imprisoned in a concentration camp. Despite her experience Corrie Ten Boom's life and writing proclaimed forgiveness and love.