

DECEMBER 15, 2019 · 10:00 AM

() Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins, Bibles & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Meditation on “Veni Emmanuel” arr Fedak

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Nee Family

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

*HYMN “People, Look East” # 12

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Gail Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

God of grace and glory, we thirst for your grace.

**You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.**

We hide from your presence.

We don't listen to your word.

**We are lifeless when we ought to dance
and speechless when we ought to sing.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response “Lift Up Your Heads” # 8 (v3)

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee here Lord, abide.

Let me Thy inner presence feel;

Thy grace and love in me reveal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:1-10

“The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**” OT Page 513 (LP 811)

ANTHEM “Will We Know Him?” Besig & Price

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:2-11

“The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**” NT Page 8 (LP 13)

CHILDREN'S TALK “God's Favored Animal” Martie Talley

SERMON

Good News for the Poor

*HYMN “Once in Royal David's City” # 49

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
(See Laminated Pew Cards)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” arr Lau

Song of Praise “Lift Up Your Heads” # 8 (v2)

Fling wide the portals of your heart, Make it a temple set apart;

From earthly use for heaven's employ

Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN “My Soul Cries Out” See Insert

*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...

Leader: . Remember that 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 “People Look East” arr Barker

Please leave hymn sheets in pews or with an usher. We'll be using them throughout the Advent season.

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 to join us in the parlor after Worship for coffee break!

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 amWorship followed by Coffee Break in Dining

11:15 amPageant Rehearsal

4:00 pmCandlelight Service

Mon.....Nursery School carols to Bethany Gardens

Tues.....Rescue Mission Cook - TBA

Mission Closet open til noon & again at 1:30

NoonPW Lunch at Teddy's

7:00 pmTrustees meet

Wed.....Wed AM Club Presentation in Sanctuary

Thurs 1:30 pmMission Closet open til 3pm

3:00 pmBible Study in Library

BIB Packing at TUCC

6:00 pmMission Committee meets

NEXT SUNDAY ...Christmas Pageant in Worship – No Church School or Youth Choir - Sign up to haven lunch & then carol to shut-ins

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Carl Longley. Dec 22: Jay Fish

Layreader is Gail Tucker. Dec 22: Christmas Pageant

Worship Recorder is Sue Davidson. Dec 22: Tom McGibbon

Deacon Ramp Duty is Dianne Griffith. Dec 22: Joanie Lewis

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Sam & Cynthia

Pendergrast; Marge Palmer, Deb Slagel and Utica Presbytery Clergy

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR 2020 PLEDGE 😊



**Christmas Caroling on Dec 22
Please Join Us!!**

Deacons arrange a quick lunch in the parlor after coffee break and then we'll go out to sing to those in our congregation who can't get out to sing with us in worship. Signup sheets in the Christian Education Hallway