



First Presbyterian Church Pipestone, Minnesota

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Prelude : Carol of the Angels
Shepherds in the Field

Ringing of the bell :

Welcome : Carl Gearhart

Announcements : Emily Speer

Advent Wreath

Hymn – Sing the Faith #2090 : The Advent Song Verses 1, 2, & 3

Lighting of the Advent Candle : Hayden Gorter & Family

Hymn (*See Insert*) : Candles Glowing Verses 1, 2 & 3

Call to worship : Philippians 2:5-11

Leader : In your relationships with one another, have
the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

People : **Who, being in very nature God, did not
consider equality with God something to
be used to his own advantage;**

Leader : rather, he made himself nothing by taking the
very nature of a servant, being made in human
likeness.

People : **And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to death—even death on a cross!**

Leader : Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

People : **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

Leader : and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Opening Hymn #41 : O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Confession:

Father God, We thank you that you created us in your image. We know that we are to be imitators of you. We know Great Light of the World that we are call to be a light to all nations. Father we know that we at times act in ways that heavily distorts your image in us. We know that there are times when we imitate the world and not you. We now that there are times we hide our light AND ALSO your light as well. Forgive us Father and instill in us through your Spirit A DEEP DESIRE to be more like you in all we say and do. In Jesus' Name.

AMEN

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Gloria Patri : *(Please Stand)*

Children's Sermon Be a Calendar Matthew 5: 13-16

Scripture Reading : 1 Peter 2: 20-25 1 Corinthians 11: 1

Hymn #9 : O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer for Illumination

Message: BE LIKE JESUS
Carl Gearhart

Hymn #15: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Affirmation of Faith: **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Organ/Piano Duet : Mary's Lullaby
Oh How Lovely Was the Morning

Offering : *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

Doxology	:	<i>(Please Stand)</i>
Prayer of Dedication	:	<i>(Please Stand)</i>
Hymn #4	:	Creator of the Stars of Night
Charge & Benediction	:	<i>(Please Stand)</i>
Postlude	:	Go Tell it on the Mountain

Following worship, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.

Thank you to our ushers this week: Gwen & Gary Biever. If you'd like to sign up to be an usher/greeter/candle lighter, please contact the office to volunteer.

This Week's Opportunities

Today, December 12, 2021

9:00 AM ~ Book Club Meeting

10:00 AM ~ Worship (Communion)

11:00 AM ~ Deacon Meeting

Monday, December 13

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 PM ~ JAM @ Peace UMC

Thursday, December 16

1:30 PM ~ Ridgeview Social Hour

Sunday, December 19

10:00 AM ~ Worship



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ANNOUNCEMENT

December 12, 2021

Christmas Joy Offering next Sunday, December 19th

JAM Concert

The JAM Christmas Program and Concert will be this Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 PM at Peace UMC.

Poinsettias Available for Order

Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and can be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". All Poinsettias must be picked up on Christmas Eve or Donated to members of the church who are unable to be with us in person during the holidays. Sign-ups are in the Narthex or can be ordered by contacting the office.

Church Library Discontinued

The books formerly in the church library will be on a table in Westminster Hall. You are invited to go through these and take any that you would like. Any books left will either be donated or brought to the paper truck.

Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.

Fellowship Sign-Ups

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.

Attendance on December 5

51 In-Person

N/A Online

~ Poinsettias were Given by ~

Peggy Taubert

In Loving Memory of Dale & Darlene
Taubert

Gary & Marge Vandervoort

Heidi & Jeff Arendt

Marybeth Cory & Robinson Funk

In Loving Memory of Robbie Erdman &
Darwin Veld

Ruth & Rod Erdman

Randy & Marge & Family

In Loving Memory of Robbie Erdman &
Darwin Veld

Jean Goodspeed

In Loving Memory of Bob Goodspeed &
Tracy Hutson

Brad & Kris Carson

In Loving Memory of Glenn Eichhorn, Bill
Carson, and Delwin Lopau

Brad & Sue Gorter & Family

In Loving Memory of Jack Carstensen, John
& Geraldine Gorter, Sharla Drew, Gleann
Greve, and David Carr

Jean Stoltenberg

In Loving Memory of All Friends & Family

Lana & Glen Eeten

In Loving Memory of Pat & Fred Eeten and
Pat Johnson

Arleen Heidebrink

In Loving Memory of Mitch Heidebrink

Ron Raatz

In Loving Memory of Bernice & Emil Raatz

Emily Speer

In Loving Memory of Gloria Ludolph and
Leon & Stella Ludolph

Betty Weime

In Loving Honor of Steve Weets and Denise
Nagel

Bill & Joan Schulze

In Loving Memory of Gerrit & Betty
Wabeke

Doug & Denise Nagel

In Loving Honor of Beverly Aggen
In Loving Memory of Harry Aggen,
Addison Nagel, and Lendert & Darlene
Nagel

Bud Eernisse

In Loving Memory of Marlyn Eernisse

John & Jean McCallum

In Loving Honor of Ray & Myra Christian
In Loving Memory of John & Marjorie
McCallum

Jim & Jan Bieber

In Loving Memory of Earl & Eileen Rich
Bieber

Charlotte Sudenga

In Loving Memory of Justin Larsen, Roy
Sudenga, and Kelsey Johnson

Candles Glowing Verse 1, 2, & 3 (Lyrics Only)

Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.

Darkness scatters, worry shatters,

Christ will always draw us near.

Calms our sighing, hears out crying,

helps our trying, love undying;

Christ will always draw us near!

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Candles glowing, promise showing holy peace so still and bright.

New tomorrow, free from sorrow: living in Christ's holy light.

Shunning violence, loving neighbor, joy of silence, trust our savior:

Living in Christ's holy light!

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Candles glowing, promise showing joy that fills our very soul.

Grace abounding, hymns resounding, Christ restores and makes us whole.

Mercies gleaming, wonders beaming, justice streaming, Christ redeeming:

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