

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

10:30 a.m.

\* Stand if you are able **Bold:** Said by all  
Musical Prelude:

**CALLED TO WORSHIP**

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

Lighting the Advent Candle – “Hope” The Jonker Family

**Call to Worship (responsive):** (projected)

ONE: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**MANY: We are easily distracted by the darkness that comes with unease and anxiety.**

**ALL: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope.**

\* Gathering Hymn: “*Hope Is A Star*” (N.B.P. #119)

**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**

God of hope,  
we confess that too often  
we prefer darkness to light,  
and that we are easily distracted from your plans by our own.

We accept lies as truth,  
exploit our neighbours,  
abuse the earth,  
and choose strife instead of peace.

In your mercy,  
hear our silent confession of sin;  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct who we shall be.  
Amen.

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Children’s Hymn: “*People in Darkness*” (N.B.P. #124)

Children’s Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination** (in unison): Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scriptures:** (projected)

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *"Come Share God's Gift"* (Price and Besig)

**SERMON: "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"**  
*Silent Reflection*

### WE RESPOND WITH GRATEFUL COMMITMENT

\* Hymn of Response: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* (N.B.P. #110)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

\* Doxology (N.B.P. #79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"* (N.B.P. #534)

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (responsive): (projected)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Christ was promised.**

**Christ was born.**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

\* Lord's Prayer

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

#### THE DISMISSAL

\* Parting Hymn: *"O Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"* (N.B.P. #122)

\* Benediction:

\* *"Go Now In Peace"*

(projected)

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude