

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:30 AM

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.
Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive):

L: Now is the time to get ready .

P: Now is the time to prepare the way of the Lord!

L: Now is the time to be changed.

P: Now is the time to repent and seek forgiveness.

L: Now is the time to welcome God into our midst.

P: Now is the time to worship.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Jim Donovan

Invocation for Advent

* Gathering Hymn: "Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding" (#116)

Prayer of Adoration:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Dearest God,

constant in the face of our fickleness,
covenant-keeper in the face of our betrayals,
reveal to us again just how kind You are,
and how forgiving.

Where we are being too hard on ourselves,
help us to learn tenderness.

When we start raking over old hurts,
picking the scabs of wounds that are trying to heal,
teach us to soothe what is sore,
and to trust that You are putting us back together again.

You sit with us in all we find hard to move past
in our own failings and the ways others have failed us.
We look to You for the courage and grace to forgive.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

We look to You for the example of bearing grievance without hitting back.
Make us merciful as You are merciful,
generous in our warmth towards self and others.

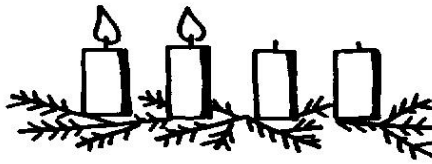
This we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



Anthem: *"Where Is The Saviour?"*

(John Purifoy)

*Children's Hymn: *"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"*

(#121)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): God of grace, how beautiful are your words of life. Help us to still our busy minds so that we will hear your word to us. Help us to make a space within ourselves to receive your wisdom, your mercy, and your plans for us. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15



One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* (#115)

Declaration of Faith (from the Church of Scotland)

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"* (#128)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude