

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 2018

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): Advent Insert

(projected)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

(Jim Donovan)

*Gathering Hymn: *"Hope Is A Star"*

(#119)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

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

**We have not always determined
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 Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

(Patrick M. Liebergen)

*Children's Hymn: *"Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement"* (#117)

Children's Story

(Children & Worship, and All Paul's People go downstairs for Sunday School)

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ORGANIST: Ian Madge

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Speak, Lord, in the stillness, speak your word to me; hushed my heart to listen in expectancy.

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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 (in unison):**

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

**I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town;
and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large
and small.**

**I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that
my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.**

**I believe in the one whom the rulers of the Earth ignored
and the proud could never understand;
whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

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**I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms,
whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth,
who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them,
who by love brought sinners back to purity,
and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

**I confess my everlasting need of God:
The need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed,
the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.**

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

I believe in Jesus, the son of the living

**God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world.
Amen.**

Invitation to Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"* (#782)
* Benediction:
* *"Go Now in Peace"*
* Exit of the Word
Musical Postlude