

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able
Musical Prelude:

Bold: Said by all

GATHERING

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

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 of despair or pessimism.

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your life-giving joy.

Lighting the Advent Candle – Joy

The Auld Family

* Gathering Hymn: "As The Deer"

(N.B.P. #27)

Prayer of Adoration:

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Judge,

we have sinned against you through ingratitude and disobedience as a result of the hardness of our hearts.

We have not attended to the words of prophets.

We have not looked for the signs of your realm of justice and light.

We have not lived with expectation or hope.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

*Children's Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (N.B.P. #634)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Eternal God, who caused all scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear your words; to read, learn, and inwardly digest them so that, through

patience and your guiding Spirit, we may embrace truth and the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scriptures: (projected)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:9-18

Matthew 28:16-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *"Invocation for Advent"* (Price/Besig)

SERMON: "WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE?"
Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* (N.B.P. #290)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: (projected)

SENDING

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

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"* (projected)

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude