

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reign of Christ

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

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 force and power and we often choose strife and turmoil.

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace.

Lighting the Advent Candle – Peace

The Elliott Family

* Gathering Hymn: *“As The Deer”*

(N.B.P. #27)

Prayer of Adoration:

Prayer of Confession:

God of new beginnings,

of grace and of forgiveness;

we confess that we sin against you and one another by what we say and do; by what we neglect and what preoccupies us.

Too often we follow old paths and habits and we fail to live as those who receive new life.

**We do not make full use of the gifts of your Spirit,
instead we waste our talents and opportunities.**

Help us to live in the newness of life that we have been given.

Renew us and make straight our paths and create in us clean hearts.

For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who was and who is and who is to come.

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: *“Long Ago The Prophets Knew”* (N.B.P. #121)

Children's Readings

Children's Anthem: *“Immanuel”*

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Holy God, your scriptures were written for our learning and through your words we find hope. By the power of your Holy Spirit, you help us to interpret and understand what you are saying to the church today. Quiet in us any voice but yours and let us hear your good news again with fresh and expectant ears. Amen.

Scriptures: (projected)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *"Come Hither, Ye Children"* (Moore)

SERMON: "WILDERNESS WISDOM"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Speak, Lord, In The Stillness"* (N.B.P. #442)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: (projected)

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SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"* (N.B.P. #687)

* Benediction:

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

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude