

Responding to the Word

Invitation to praise and prayer, intercession and commitment

Offering our Gifts of Gratitude

***The Doxology**

***** **The Sending** *****

Announcements

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

(B 29)

***Blessing**

Organists:
(E) Brenda Hamm
(L) Dean Knips

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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Lismore Ruling Elders: Karon Nagel, Dean Knips, Joyce Gengler, Candace Joens, Kathy Knips.

Please, feel free to contact any of these elders with questions or concerns.



First Presbyterian Church

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DECEMBER 9, 2019

Advent

***** **The Gathering** *****

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
(B 9)

Advent Prayer

Merciful God, we cry out to you in the wilderness. The land we walk can be rugged and rough. We find no straight highways, only deep valleys and high mountains. We are often tired, worn, and emotionally shut down. Jesus, you are a light for us and for all nations. Grasp us by the hand this morning. If we are lost, bring us back. If we are blind, open our eyes. If we are bound, set us free. If we are sick, heal us. If we are grieving, comfort us. Without your presence, we have no hope and no chance of peace. Come to us with your power, might and mercy. Come and comfort your people in the hour to come. Amen.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen

Christmas Medley
Video Praise

***Confession and Pardon:**
*"Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight road for him!" Matthew 3:3*

Holy and loving God, we come before you and acknowledge our sinfulness. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

We have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have

been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Let the truth of Christmas fill your heart with joy and peace. God entered our world through Jesus Christ, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe are not condemned. (John 3:17,18) **We believe! Thanks be to God!***

***Gloria Patri: #579 Blue**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***** **The Word** *****

Offering Our Praise and Prayers

Baptized in Water (E)
(B 492)

The Holy Baptism of Hatcher Wayne Petersen (E)

Special Music

Peace...
Are We There Yet?
An Advent Series

Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12

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