

Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2016

9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	Stephen Kucera, Organist
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Kati Collins
Pastor:	The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.	
People:	The light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.	
All:	Come, let us celebrate the gift of our Saviour.	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<i>#113 Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Billy Brown & Jordan Pieschl
*RESPONSE	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	R.J. Leonard
*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rev. Kati Collins Bulletin page 2
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. R.C. McConnell
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 113	Pam Beardsley
ANTHEM	Introit on <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. Brad Nix R.J. Leonard, Director
OFFERING	<i>Sing We a Glad Noel</i>	arr. Dale Wood
*CAROL & PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>#145 What Child Is This</i> (first verse only)	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Sweet, Holy Child</i>	Robba Moran, Pianist
PASTORAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 1:26-33	
CAROL SINGING	<i>#128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> <i>#132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i> <i>#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
SERMON	"For Whom the Bell Tolls"	Rev. R.C. McConnell
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>#127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Light Of the World</i>	
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	arr. Marianne Kim

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CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Kati Collins
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People:	The light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.	
All:	Come, let us celebrate the gift of our Saviour.	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<i>#113 Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		The Currie Family
*RESPONSE	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Reginald Pittman
*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:		
Pastor:	I said I will confess my sins unto the Lord.	
People:	And thou forgave my sins.	
Pastor and People:	When all was lost, and no one knew where to look for help, we are thankful, Father, that the hope of the world was sent to a manger bed at Bethlehem. Help us to seek and find the secret of highest service in a childlike heart. In our gray days of anxious cares and haunting sorrows, let us hear the song of angels and have our hopes quickened and our lives rehallowed. Help us to make the way that lies before us clean and straight, to keep our hearts pure and our thoughts holy in honor of Him who came as "God with us." Amen.	
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
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SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 1:26-33	Linda Schottler

CAROL SINGING

#128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
#132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
#121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SERMON

“For Whom the Bell Tolls”

Rev. R.C. McConnell

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Light Of the World

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Once in Royal David’s City

arr. Marianne Kim

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Greeting this morning at the 9:15 a.m. service are **Aaron & Elise Wall**. The greeters at the 10:30 service are **Val & Wayne Converse**.

We have two lovely floral arrangements this morning. One is given by **Jan & Judy Rayl** in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary. The other arrangement is given by **Guy Coffee** in memory of his wife, **Janice**.

The ushers at the 9:15 a.m. service are: **Al Welch, Doug Tippin, Nancy Habluetzel and David West**.
Ushering at the 10:30 a.m. service for the month of December are **Wayne & Sue Mountford, Mary Vander Pol, Keith Vogts, Fred & Sherry Borck, Edward McKeever, and Brian & Rebecca Thomason**.

Brass Ensemble: Darren Brooks, Rod Manges, Steve Maxwell, and Zachary Paquette. We are grateful for their participation in today’s worship services.

*Personal hearing devices are available. Please inquire of an usher.
An excellent nursery and cry room are available. Please inquire of an usher.*

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Blue Christmas
A Service of Hope and Healing
DECEMBER 21, 2016
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Sleep, My Child</i>	Robba Moran, Pianist
WELCOME		Whitney Short
HYMN	<i>#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:1-20	Whitney Short
MEDITATION	“Giving on Empty”	Rev. Amy Bowers
SACRED DANCE	<i>The Little Drummer Boy</i>	Rev. Amy Bowers
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Chris Nolte & Sue Bath-Dunn
CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE		
People are invited to write on the cloth provided in the bulletin the name of the person or situation causing loss and sorrow in their lives, and then place the cloth in the cradle. Rev. Bowers, Rev. Collins, and Whitney Short will be available for those who would like prayer.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Kati Collins
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Born in the Night, Mary’s Child</i>	The Church Ladies
HYMN	<i>#146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	
BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTION		Rev. Amy Bowers
POSTLUDE	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24, 2016

6:00 p.m.

	<i>Carols of Christmas</i>	Brass Ensemble
PRELUDE	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Stephen Kucera, Organist
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. R.C. McConnell
Pastor:	The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.	
People:	For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us.	
*CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>#133 O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	
*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		The Paquette Family
RESPONSE	<i>Savior of the Nations Come</i>	
CHILDREN'S CAROL	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Kati Collins
OFFERING	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	arr. Marianne Kim
THE CHRISTMAS STORY	Luke 2:1-20	Rev. Kati Collins
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>#146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	
CHRISTMAS MEDITATION		Rev. R. C. McConnell
SOLO	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Reginald Pittman, Soloist
THE MESSIANIC PROPHECY	Jeremiah 31, Micah 5, Isaiah 9, Many ancient prophets, divinely inspired and concerned with the well-being of their people, foretold the coming of the Messiah.	
THE NATIVITY – CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>#145 What Child is This</i>	(Please remain seated)

The Service of Lights

Instructions:

The pastors will light their candles from the chancel candle. The ushers in turn will light their candles from the pastors' and then take their positions in the aisles. The first person in each pew will light his candle from the usher's. It is suggested that an unlit candle be held into the lit candle.

*Christmas Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven
afar. Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born."*

*Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy Face. With the
dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Away in a Manger

arr. Clay Christiansen

*Asterisk denotes standing if able.

Brass Members: Jim Johnson Trumpet
Rod Manges, Trombone
Steve Maxwell, Tuba
C.L. Snodgrass, Trumpet

Prophets: Joe Montgomery, Vincent Tracey

Nativity Participants: Mitch, Jamie, and Campbell Binns

Shepherds and Magi: Aaron, Asher, and Brooke Newcomer

Angel: Charlotte Binns

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Eve envelope offering supports the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24, 2016

8:00 p.m.

	<i>Carols of Christmas</i>	Brass Ensemble
PRELUDE	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Stephen Kucera, Organist
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Got Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. R.C. McConnell
Pastor:	For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.	
People:	And the government shall rest on his shoulders.	
All:	And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.	
*CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>#133 O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	
*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		The Wilson Family
RESPONSE	<i>Savior of the Nations Come</i>	
OFFERING	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	arr. Marianne Kim
THE CHRISTMAS STORY	Luke 2:1-20	Rev. Kati Collins
CHRISTMAS MEDITATION		Rev. R.C. McConnell
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>#147 The First Nowell (first four stanzas)</i>	
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD		
DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP		
(Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to partake of the elements in unison. The pastors will indicate the time.)		

“Chancel Choir Special Music”

<i>Silent Night</i>	Chancel Choir
<i>O Holy Night</i>	Robbie & Rev. Kati Collins
Introit on <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Chancel Choir & Congregation

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Face. With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

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Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Adeste Fideles*

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Brass Members: Jim Johnson, Trumpet
 Rod Manges, Trombone
 Steve Maxwell, Tuba
 C.L. Snodgrass, Trumpet

Christmas Offering

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Sunday
Christmas Day
DECEMBER 25, 2016
10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	Variations on <i>The First Noel</i>	Stephen Kucera, Organist
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>The Angel's Song Is True</i>	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	#119 <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Pastor: Joy to the World, the Lord is Come		
All: Let Earth receive her king.		
Pastor: Let every heart prepare him room.		
All: Lord, come and make a home in our hearts.		
Pastor: Let us turn to Bethlehem, lay down our burdens, and receive Christ today.		
All: God of the Ages, You have been with us in our dark times and in the light. We have come to You looking for a new start in our lives. Wash us of our sins and renew our hearts. Be born in our lives, that we might give birth to grace, mercy and love in our families, in our community, in our schools, in our work and in our play. Come rule in our lives with truth and grace, that we may see the wonders of Your love. Amen.		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:1-20	Miles McKee
ANTHEM	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	Reginald Pittman, Director
OFFERING	<i>O Sanctissa</i>	arr. Diane Bish
*CAROL & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #123 <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> (first verse only)		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Reginald Pittman, Soloist
PASTORAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER		
CAROL SINGING	#114 <i>Away in a Manger</i> #146 <i>Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i> #134 <i>Joy to the World</i>	
SERMON	"Faces in the Crowd"	Rev. R.C. McConnell
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	#147 <i>The First Nowell</i> (first four verses only)	

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Love Has Come

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Marianne Kim

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The flowers on the communion table this morning are given by **Tom & Sue Bath-Dunn** in celebration of the birth of Jesus, and in memory of their mothers.

Ushering this morning are: **Wayne & Sue Mountford, Mary Vander Pol, Keith Vogts, Fred & Sherry Borck, Edward McKeever, and Brian & Rebecca Thomason.**

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Stephen Kucera, Organist
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Light of the World</i>	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>#143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Joan Nelson
Leader: O Come, let us worship Christ in the New Year.		
People: We come with joyful and humble hearts.		
All: God of the ages, on this first day of the new year, let us leave behind the troubles that burden us, and let us look towards the hope You have given us. Forgive our sins of last year, and guard our hearts as we begin again. Transform us into new creatures which hold fast to Your Good News of truth, mercy, justice, love, and joy. Mold our hearts to see Your hope in the eyes of our neighbors and experience Your coming in our daily lives.		
(Prayer of silent confession and resolution)		
Leader: O come, let us adore Him.		
All: In Christ the Lord, we pray, Amen.		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 131	Robbie Collins
OFFERING	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	arr. Lani Smith
*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Reginald Pittman
PASTORAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Born in the Night, Mary's Child</i>	The Church Ladies
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:25-35	Robbie Collins
ANTHEM	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'r Blooming</i>	Reginald Pittman, Director
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:36-40	
SERMON	"The Good News and the Bad News"	Rev. Kati Collins
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>#159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i>	
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	
BENEDICTION		

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Greeting this morning are **Steven & Cheri Graham.**

Ushering this morning are: **Jim Schottler, Lyle Butler, Connie Hayden, Steven Graham, Mark & Peg Janssen, Holli Moherman, Gene Moherman, and Joe & Carol Bruckerhoff.**

The Church Ladies are: Rev. Kati Collins, Joan Nelson, and Mary Louise Stahl.

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To the Glory of God

The poinsettia plants are given to the glory of God as an expression of gratitude for the joys of life and the memories of loved ones.

Judy Anderson - In memory of my parents, Melvin & Bernice Martin. In thanksgiving for my sons & daughters-in-law, Eric & Lindsay Anderson and Mark & Rachel Anderson, and John Quinten.

Jon & Rae Anderson & Family-In memory of Rosetta Anderson, Ronald Bellows, and Alvin & Willa Bellows. In thanksgiving for our family and friends, and church family.

Lee & Jackie Borck-In memory of Jack Hartman, Harold , Marjorie, and Tami Borck.

Larry & Carolyn Knostman-Bowers-In memory of Harry Knostman, and Nubby Bowers.

Bob & Patsy Brandt-In thanksgiving for our family. With prayers for peace and prosperity in our country.

Jo Anne Call-In memory of Ed Call, who would have celebrated his 90th birthday on Christmas Eve. In thanksgiving for my children and their families.

Ray & Maxine Coffey-In memory of our son, Kevin Coffey.

Robbie & Rev. Kati Collins-In appreciation of Dr. Pittman, Stephen Kucera, and the musicians of First Presbyterian Church.

Jerry & Garalyn Connery-In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. In appreciation of our church staff and church family.

Keith & Sandra Cramer-In memory of John & Bonnie Cramer, and F.M. & Lola Froelich. In appreciation of mark & Cindy Cramer, and Brian & Erin Baptist.

Dee Dockins-In happiness for the marriage of Brooke Dockins to John Harris.

Pat & Carolyn Fellows-In memory of Kyle Hunt.

Jan Gibbs-In memory of Sheldon Edelman. In appreciation of Michael Cissell, Kezia & R.J. Pittard, US Army-deployed.

Nancy Habluetzel - In loving memory of Ron Habluetzel, Bob & Ruth Habluetzel, and Ellis & Beulah Hoyle. In thanksgiving for our church family.

Mark & Peg Janssen-In memory of family, in thanksgiving of family, in appreciation of family.

Rich & Micky Jensen-In memory of our parents. In thanksgiving for our children. In appreciation of our church family.

The Klingler children-In thanksgiving for our parents, Gene & Sue Klingler. In memory of our bother Bert and our grandparents.

Gene and Sue Klingler - In memory of our son, Bert, and our parents, Gene & Louise Klinger, and Norman & Gladys Walling. In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. In appreciation of Cam, Kati, and the church staff. In thanksgiving for our children, Becky, Leah, Heidi, Doug, and their families.

Dick and Beverly LaGree - In thanksgiving for a wonderful Christmas season.

Ken & Jo Lyle-In appreciation of family and friends.

Rod & Shelley Manges-In memory of Shelley's parents, George & Jean Heffel.

Cam & Jennifer McConnell-In thanksgiving for the great spirit of the First Presbyterian family.

Miles * Marjorie McKee-In memory of our parents.

Bruce McMillan- In memory of good friend, Jeanne Stinson.

Gene & Joan Nelson-In gratitude for our many blessings.

Mike & Tami Newcomer-In memory of loved ones who have been called home. In thanksgiving for our family.

Zachary Paquette-In memory of my loving and faithful cat, Willie, whom we just had to put down one month ago. In appreciation of my amazing, loving, faithful, strong, and fantastic family.

Reg Pittman-In memory of Melba & J.W. Pittman, Jr., and Sherry Mitchell.

Cleo Richards-In memory of Dale Richards.

Jim & Linda Schottler-In thanksgiving for our family and church family.

John K. & Shirley James Shimp-In appreciation of our church youth's service and fun activities.

Alan & Marilyn Shineman-In memory of A.P. & Virginia Shineman, and Lewis & Isla Harry.

OK Sparks-Merry Christmas.

Charles, Janet, Tyler, and Emily Stark-In memory of Mary Hanson, and Debbie Hanson.

Shiloh Vick- In appreciation of all the staff and volunteers who support my efforts and events in Children's Ministries.

Terry & Claudia Voos-In thanksgiving for God's glorious gift of our family and friends.

Fred & Kathryn Wilson-In memory of our parents and Harold.

The poinsettias are purchased from Kansas State University Gardens
and grown by Kansas State University students.

*A special thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Gene Klingler
for sponsoring the printing of this Christmas program.*

Sunday Morning at First Presbyterian Church

9:15 a.m. Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time in Fisher Hall
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:50 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Choirs
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in Narthex

