

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, December 3, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Roswell Community Kitchen Matt Hinkle

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (Nicolai-Bach)

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE The Edwards Family

***OPENING HYMN #93** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (*Musica Sacra*)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Sovereign of our lives, we confess today that we have sinned against you and against others. Our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. We have not called on your name. We have not kept awake. We have not kept alert. We are not ready for the return of your Son. We have not been about his work as we wait for his second advent. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Pour out your Spirit on us, once again, so that we may be ready for the coming of the Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581** Gloria Patri (*Greatorex*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: "The peace of the Lord be with you."
"And also with you."

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 64:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Alleluia for Advent" (Liebergen)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 13:24-37

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

"Ready for Another Advent"

***HYMN #367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (Elvey)

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Thomas)

***PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Olivia Louise Miller, Daughter of Jacque and Randy Miller

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

Elder Bob Kurtz

AFFIRMATION OF THE PARENTS

PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Olivia by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ?
We do.

PROFESSION OF THE PARENTS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, our sister, Olivia, into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #360**

"Christ is Coming!" (Neander)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.*