

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 10, 2017

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Horns” (Biggs)

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Rebecca Johnson & Bob Entrop

***OPENING HYMN #87**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

(Genevan Psalter)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our hope, we know that the day of judgment will come like a thief, and everything done on the earth will be disclosed. We confess today that we are not leading lives of holiness and godliness. We are not living at peace with one another, and we are not without spot or blemish. We repent this morning, with humility and sorrow, and we beg your forgiveness. Send your Spirit to change our hardened hearts, so that we may be more like you. Make us ready for the coming of our Lord. We offer our prayer in his name. 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 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Peter 3:8-15a

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Every Valley” (Beck)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 1:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Here is Your God!”

***HYMN #124**

“Still, Still, Still” (Austrian Carol)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Larger Catechism* (1648)

Q. How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

A. Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the

full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of Advent,
We come today crying out for all: comfort your people.
Make a path for your children so that they can find their way.
Speak tenderly to all whose hearts are wounded.
Bring calmness to all who fear.
Be our Shepherd, Lord, and gather us into your arms.
In your mercy, feed us.

God of Advent,
Show us your compassion and favor.
Forgive us when we turn away from you,
And fill our hearts with your peace as we turn back to you.
Pour your steadfast love over like a gentle rain.
Breath your righteousness into our souls.
Make us faithful as we wait.

God of Advent,
We wait for your Son to come.
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.
We wait for your salvation.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“In the Bleak of Midwinter” (Rasley)

***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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***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.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #106**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion” (Psalm 122)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.