

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**December 23, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelis" (Smith)*

**LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**

*The Entrop/Johnson Family*

**\*OPENING HYMN #146**     *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (Piae Cantiones)*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of justice and mercy, your servant Mary once sang a song: a song of remembrance and praise, a song of reversal and surprise. Those who were once mighty and secure are humbled and brought low. Those who were wealthy and prosperous become poor and needy. These things are a sure sign of your kingdom present here and now.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we rely on our own strength, security, and wealth. Forgive us when we neglect or abuse those who are dependent and helpless. Forgive us when we count ourselves as better than others. Forgive us, we pray.**

**Remind us that there is no security other than yours and teach us to rely completely on you. Move us to demonstrate sacrificial compassion for those in need around us, for your Son is returning soon. We pray 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 PSALMS**

Psalm 80:1-7

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Micah 5:2-5a

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **ANTHEM**

*“He is Born”* (Wetzler)

### **\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 1:39-55

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SERMON**

*“Done and Done Again”*

### **\*HYMN #145**

*“What Child is This”* (English Ballad)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

**The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, when the fullness of time was come, did take upon himself humanity's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the divine and the human, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**            *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* (Warriner)

**\*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 souls magnify you, and our spirits rejoice in you, God our Savior. You have done great things for us. Holy is your name!**

**We raise our voices in thanksgiving for the priceless gift of your very Son, who was born, who lived, who died for us, and who will come again.**

**We offer our lives to you, God of the Ages, in response to your limitless providence and protection. Make us like Mary, willing to serve when we do not know the cost, to obey when we do not know the consequences. The One to whom she gave birth is coming soon. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

**\*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 #105**                      *"People, Look East"* (French Folk Melody)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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