

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *In Cheerful Spirit* Obrecht

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalms 25: 6-10 RSV)*

Leader: Be mindful of thy mercy, O Lord,
and of thy steadfast love, for they have been from old.

**People: Remember not the sins of my youth,
or my transgressions;**

Leader: According to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!

**People: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those
who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

* Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises; the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming, and longs for the day of his return in glory. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes. Cleanse us from all that leads us to turn away from him, trusting instead in ourselves to make our future good. Forgive us for turning our backs on the needy, through whom he comes to us day by day. Empower us by your Spirit to prepare ourselves for Christ's return by doing the work to which he has commissioned us, until your reign is revealed in all its fullness and power. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of a New Member

The Word of God

First Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Sending Forth

* Hymn 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude

O Thou, of God the Father

J. S. Bach

Lay Reader:

Hugo Sandoval

Worship Notes: This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of communion, also called the Lord's Supper. A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. This means that the bread and grape juice symbolize God's love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church believes that the elements stay the same but acknowledges the special presence of Christ in and around the elements through the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful opportunity to commune with Jesus, our Savior and Lord, and be reminded of his love for us.

All those who have been baptized are welcomed to the Lord's Table. This is not a right, but a privilege. It is a call to confess your sins and opportunity to renew your faith. We ask that you hold the elements so everyone can eat the bread or drink the cup together as this symbolizes our unity in Christ.

Lighting of the Candle

The Nagy Family

This morning's symbol is the Branch of Jesse. Today we light the first Advent candle, remembering how God spoke through the prophets the promise of one who would come to deliver all people from sin and darkness. Today we once again claim that promise in our lives, and look forward to the coming of our Deliverer in this holy season.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1

"And there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Jack Patterson	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	Joe Pellerin
Mary Helen Averitt	Archie McKinnes	Debbie McClure
Sara Thompson	Debbie York	Sherry Arnold
Bonnie Hall Major	Aubrey Roney	Julie Pepper
Marjorie Nabbe	Cecilia White	Barbara Mullins
Stan Williams	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Bascom Cooksey
Heath & Robin Springer	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Ann Freeman	Debbie Brinner	Johnnie Keel
Jeremy Stubblefield	Al Johnson	Charles Lambert
Jerry Pentecost	Bob Hart	George Donnell
Bill Higgins	Charles Cowden Sr.	Sean Barber
Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Barbara Kelley
Sherry Easterly	Ed Newton	Marion Mofield
Phillip Robertson	James Allen Patton	Lisa Fletcher

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	James Scott	Noah Evans
Luke Baker	Mike Matthys	Jeff Scott
Blake Beckman	David Midgett	Jeremy Scott
Jaymon Bell	Jason Nolley	Jason Sellars
Michael O'Neil	Jason Redmon	Lee Smith
Matthew Humes	Stewart Beaumont	

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

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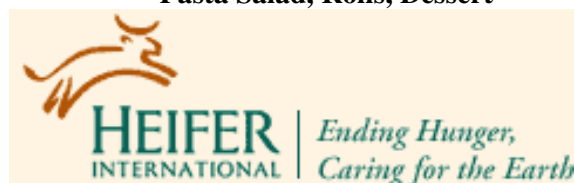
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