First United Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2024

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT**

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And, also with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**  Zoe Jervis, Calen McClelland

**CHILDREN’S SING FOR JESUS!!**

**Ho – Ho – Ho – Hosanna!**

**Away In a Manger**

**Happy Birthday Jesus!**

**Silent Night** accompanist: Scarlett Lentz

**The congregation is invited to join in with us!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** “While We Are Waiting, Come”

While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.

Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

While we are waiting, Peace. While we are waiting, Peace.

Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, Peace.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Malachi 2:1-4

**ANTHEM** Advent Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 3:1-6

**SERMON**  “Peace” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #434 Today We All Are Called to Be DisciplesToday we are all called to be Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free, Make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and comfort last.  
  
May we in service to our God Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** #505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine, thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

One: It is right to give our thanks to the Lord, Our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One: Holy God, Father almighty . . . Saying

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth**

**are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who**

**comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . As Christ our Savior

taught us, we are bold to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #535 Go with Us, Lord

Go with us Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,

That in Your spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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**\*POSTLUDE**