

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN  
Pastor Dan Yeazel

December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

*Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.*

Choral Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Rosalie Trom

L: Come, Over-flowing joy:

**C: tip-toeing into our lives like the children on the holiest of nights.**

L: Come, Good News of grace:

**C: prepare our hearts to welcome you, and all whose hopes have turned to ashes.**

L: Come, Dreamer of peace:

**C: so we may pour our lives and gifts into a world in need of reconciliation.**

\*Hymn No. 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)**

**Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we can not explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. We have neglected to thank you, either in good times or when you have supported us during times of uncertainty. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us, and lead us in paths of trust and obedience.**

\*Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (OT pg. 671)

**We are Inspired by God**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bob & Karen Tracy

Come, Child of Light- choir

by Lloyd Larson

\* Hymn No. 2233

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Time

Anthem

Amen! Tell it on the Mountain!

Arr. by Mary McDonald

Scriptures

Luke 1:26-38

(NT pg. 69)

Sermon

"Favored Ones"

**We Respond to God**

\* Hymn No. 56

The First Nowell

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. by Joel Raney

Quinita Kase, piano, Dan Kaufeld, organ

\*Doxology No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

**We must not take the gifts God gives to us, even the most tangible ones, and hoard them for ourselves. Rather, we offer them, as well as our hearts and lives as offerings to those in true need around us. This we pray in the name of Bethlehem's Babe. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 40

Joy to the World!

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (4<sup>th</sup> verse) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

*"Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name."*

\*Postlude

**WELCOME VISITORS.** Thank you for coming to worship with us.  
Please sign our guest book before you leave.

**Sunday School and Communicants Class 9:00 am**

**Sunday Worship at 10:00 am**

**Fellowship at 11:00 am**

**Office hours W & F 8-12**

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**Ushers: Howard Gransee, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Dick Wolff**

**Prayer Shawl ministry meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am.**

**Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**

**NAMI will meet December 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm.**

**The Newsletter deadline is December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.**

**There will not be Sunday School December 24<sup>th</sup> of 31<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School will resume January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**The Annual reports from the committees and church organization are due to Janet, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Janet's hours for Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> will be 7:00-11:00 am.**

**Afternoon Circle meets Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>; 2:00 pm at Jane Carlsen's home.**

**The Annual Congregational meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> after worship with a potluck to follow.**