

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN  
Pastor Dan Yeazel

December 3, 2017 Hanging of the Greens 10:00 a.m.

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

*Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.*

Choir Anthem Prepare the Way of the Lord by Wm. Rowan

Welcome Pastor Dan Yeazel

Opening Prayer (in Unison) Rosalie Trom

*Our Father, we long for the simple beauty of Christmas – for all the old familiar melodies, words, and symbols that remind us of that great miracle when He who had made all things came one night as a babe, to lie in the crook of a woman’s arm. But in that longing, let us even more yearn for your renewed presence among us even as we celebrate and expect the Coming of your Son. Before such mystery we kneel, as we follow the shepherds and Wise Men to bring You the gift of our love – a love we confess has not always been as warm or sincere or real as it should have been. Now, as we enter into this Advent Season, we pray that love would find its Beloved, and from You receive the grace to make it pure again, warm and real. Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* Hymn No. 2 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Carrying in of the Poinsettia

Reader: “The Poinsettia Plant” Bill Kase

Reader: “The Christmas Tree” Kristy Johnson

Reader: “Lighting of the Christmas Tree” Nathan Gransee

Reader: “Bring in the Greens” Caitlynn Wanous

Reader: “Advent Wreath” Jared Johnson

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent  
Come, O Child of Light Frodermann family  
Choir

\* Hymn No. 9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Reader: “The Holly and the Ivy” Jennifer Mittelstadt

Anthem The Holly Carol by Jan Reese

Reader: “The Star” Bob Tracy

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)

Call for the Offering

Offertory Oh Christmas Tree arr. by J. Brickman

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

Reader: “Bells” Kellen Wilke

Reader: Nativity Scene Sue Alberts

\* Hymn No. 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

\* Benediction

\*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (vs 4) “The Spirit Sends Us Forth”  
“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 M & W 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.**

**There will be a special congregational meeting to elect Elders and Deacons, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship. The Deacons are hosting a BBQ luncheon and Trim-the-Tree in the Fellowship Hall following the congregational meeting. Please plan on staying and help decorate.**

**Today is the final day to sign up for a Poinsettia Memorial. The signup is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Thank you for your wonderful response!**

**Afternoon circle will meet Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Dusty Heiserman's home. Bring an appetizer to share and a \$5.00 Christmas ornament to exchange.**

**The PW Christmas Luncheon and meeting will be held at the Hubbell House December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board.**

**NAMI meets December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**Janet will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday this week.**