

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

Bill Kase, Liturgist

L: God of generations, your promises come to birth in surprising ways.

P: Fill our hearts with courage to live according to your word.

L: Living God, with Elizabeth we cry out in wonder:

P: How can this be, that the Lord has come to us?

L: A Most High God, for you nothing is impossible.

P: Through you a young woman gave birth to your endless glory,

L: So that we may greet your gracious promise with joyful hearts.

P: Fill us with the life of the Holy Spirit

L: In following the example of your servant Mary

P: By bearing witness to the promise of your Word;

L: Through Jesus Christ, your Word fulfilled.

*Hymn No. 600 "Song of Mary"

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

O Word made Flesh, You have come into our midst as light and wisdom, desiring to be known to us in our lives and to be found in the world around us. Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to recognize you where you dwell—in our midst—Challenging, heartening, lighting the way to truth, peace, justice.

* Words of Assurance (in Unison)

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 579

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Come Child of Love"

Amy Borgstrom

Choir

Responsive Reading

Micah 5; 2-5

(OT pg. 1059)

We are Inspired by God

* Hymn No. 2233 "Where Children Belong"

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

Children's Time

Anthem

"Guide Us to the Perfect Light"

by Lloyd Larson

Scriptures

Luke 1:39-45.46-55

(NT pg.69)

Sermon

"Loving Christ"

* Hymn No. 53

"What Child Is This"

We Respond to God

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

* Hymn No. 31

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (4th 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

**Sunday School and Confirmation 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am
Fellowship at 11:00
Office hours W & F 8-12
Our Website is www.presbykasson.org
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Bulletin submission deadline 8:00 am Friday.

NAMI meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

No Sunday School December 23rd or 30th.

The Congregational annual meeting is scheduled for January 20th. All committee reports are due on Janet's desk January 8th.

Thanks to all who contributed to the poinsettia memorials. What a beautiful tribute to those being remembered. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve service.

The newsletter deadline is December 26th at 8:00 am.

Please plan to attend our church Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 pm. The Cantata "The Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson will be performed by the choir. It will include costumed pageantry and many familiar carols.

No Choir practice Wednesday, December 26th.

Thank you to Felicia Faldet for leading us in worship today.