

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
*www.fpclakepark.org*  
10:30am

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader/ On Each Sunday of Advent we will light one more candle, a sign of anticipation and hope in a world often full of sorrow and shadows. When all four candles are lit at the end of Advent we will then be ready to begin the Feast of Light—Christmas. May we learn to wait and understand, filled with hope instead of greed, filled with the Light of the World Jesus instead of the darkness of sin. Come Lord Jesus!

**L/ Come Let us worship Christ, the one true Light!**

Reader/ We light the second candle to show the joy with which the church waits and the light we then joyfully bear into the world. Hear this word from scripture: “If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we then have true fellowship with each other in the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from sin!” (1 John 1:7)

*Two Purple Candles are lit*

Hymn of Lighting-see insert-Light One Candle for Messiah-verse 2

Exchange of Peace

L/ Let us see the Light of Christ in each other. Share with each other the sign of peace.

Prayer of Confession

**All/ You speak to us Lord but we confess that we do not listen. We pick and choose what sounds good to us and ignore or explain away the rest. We confess that we live by our own standards and rules and so fail to follow yours. We live for our**

**own benefit instead of loving you and being of service. Help us to see the light. “Create in me a new heart O God and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)**

L/ Be assured and receive the hope of the Spirit. God does indeed send the Spirit into our hearts and saves us. By the blood of Jesus you are redeemed and by His resurrection you are remade!

Hymn -- #256 Love Has Come!

Children’s Chat

Special Music

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11 *\*pages 1119-20*

Canticle: # 196 O Come Let Us Adore Him (verse 1 and 2)

New Testament Lessons: 2 Peter 1: 12-21 *\*page 1894*

Sermon

Dedication of Pledges—Session Members Bring Forth the Saddle bags

Lord bless these gifts and pledges that we might remember all you have given us. Help us to be good stewards, building your kingdom here with our talents and resources. We return to you what is but your own.

Offertory;

Doxology

#815

Joys and Concerns

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love, and our minds search for the Light of your Word. Increase our longing for Jesus and fill our hearts with anticipation, hope, and joy.

**C/ Strengthen us to grow in love and a spirit of praise and thanksgiving, that at the dawn of Jesus's second coming we may rejoice together with all the faithful and welcome the Light of His Truth. Amen.** (PCUSA Book of Common Worship, 1986)

Sending Hymn: #253 Silent Night, Holy Night

### Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Jim Kessler & Terry Wiese

Greeters: Dick & Loretta McClain

Candle Lighters: Korthals Family

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

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Attendance 12/3/17: 39

Offering 12/3/17: \$2,596.49

Reminder— there are 68 unpaid per capitas- \$33 for 2017

Commercial (Manse) Loan Balance: \$11,179.64

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51

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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Terry Wiese on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and to Doug Delaney on December 15<sup>th</sup>, and to Sarah Uittenbogaard on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

- THANK YOU to everyone who helped with last Thursday's MOBILE FOOD PANTRY here at the Church.

-“Celebrate the Season in Lake Park ” will be this afternoon and is sponsored by Historical Society. This will include a noon meal at the Community Center, a bake sale, and a Decorated Christmas Tree contest. ‘Tis the season to celebrate!

-Holiday Open House at Pearl Valley Rehab and Nursing of Lake Park on Tuesday December 12th. Coffee, Cider and treats available all day. Glenn Henriksen will be performing on his keyboard at 2:00 p.m. This concert is open to the public! Please make plans to join us and get into the holiday spirit!

-Presbyterian Women General Meeting and Christmas Tea will be this Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

-CHOIR will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

-Session Meeting will be this Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

-The Nominating Team is still searching for Team Members.

-If you bring in a poinsettia please remember to let the church office know if yours is In Honor of or In Memory of someone special.

-This year's Sunday School Christmas Program will be “A Charlie Brown Christmas” by Charles Schulz. The program will be presented next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during regular worship service. All are invited, and all who are able are asked to please bring some goodies to share for fellowship time after worship that day.

-There is a mitten tree at the care center for the residents' Christmas gifts if anyone is interested in adopting a resident or two for the holiday season. Mittens are available until all adopted, and gifts need to be returned to the care center by December 18th. We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity in helping to make the season a little brighter for everyone at Pearl Valley Rehab and Nursing.

-If anyone has a change of address or phone number - please notify the office by next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

-The 2018 Per Capita will increase to \$37.00.

Remember - If you would like to receive a text message alert when there is a weather-related cancellation of Sunday morning worship service, please call Lynette in the church office.

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Luke.

