

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

December 23, 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Wreath

L/ Today we look to living in God, we celebrate the gift of Peace!

Voice/ Let us walk in the Light of God's peace. Let the nations beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and let us walk in the Light of our God! (Isaiah 2: 4)

**C/ May the peace of God which is beyond our understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 4: 7)

Light all the purple and pink candles  
Peace ornaments brought forth

Passing of the peace

Hymn of Praise: # 245 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening Prayer

L/ Come to us, Lord Jesus. Come as we prepare for the second coming of Christ. May we be a people of peace and shalom, bringing justice and comfort and wholeness to all of creation with your Spirit as guide and Jesus our Way.

**C/ Come Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

Children's Chat

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?" - Denise Lev

- We are still waiting for a few End-of-Year Team Reports and would appreciate it very much if they could be turned in very soon.
- Please call office with directory updates **BY December 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- Looking Ahead: Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Lakeshore Center's Annual Scrapbook Retreat will be January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration Deadline is January 4<sup>th</sup>, and a complete flier with information is in the entryway. If you would like a Registration form, please contact Lynette in the office.
- Our current Schwan's Cares fundraiser goes through January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Commercial Loan Balance \$11,855.67
- Per Capita amount for 2019 is \$41.00.**
- Everyone has difficulties. When life gets too challenging, trained counselors through NW IA Care Connections are here for YOU. Their 24/7 phone number is: 844-345-4569.
- Friday morning **Bible Study** continues every Friday at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome.
- From Session and Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Park:

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!



Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 8: 9-19 \*pages 1478-79

Canticle: # 251 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1: 39-45 \*pages 1588-89

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: Second Helvetic Confession (1561 AD Book of Confessions 5.089)

**All/ Our Hebrew forefathers had the Gospel in the writings of the prophets by which they attained salvation in Christ through faith, yet the Gospel is properly called glad and good news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ Jesus himself, and afterwards by the apostles and we their successors, is preached to the world that God has now performed what God promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, and all the fullness of God unto everlasting life.**

Offertory; Doxology #815  
Prayer of Dedication Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/ The celebration of the birth of Christ is near. We have been waiting and preparing not only for this season of celebration but also for His second coming. We have tried to take God's words seriously. We have tried to slow down with faith, hope, and love. Give us now joy and peace to celebrate with you and each other Lord!

**C/ We cry out with angels and shepherds—Joy And Peace in the Lord. Come Lord Jesus, Come and shed your Light on all the World!** (PCUSA Book of Common Worship, 2018)

Benediction

Sending Hymn: #249 O Come All Ye Faithful

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Terry Wiese and Jim Kessler

Greeters: Dick & Loretta McClain

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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Attendance 12/16/18: 37

Offering 12/16/18: \$1,187.16

Christmas Joy Offering: \$142.00

There are 59 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018  
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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jesus Christ and Chandler Brons on December 25<sup>th</sup>, and to Randy Wiese on December 27<sup>th</sup>, and to Kurtis Louscher on December 28<sup>th</sup>, and to Kristi Delaney on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

-**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Children of all ages are welcome!

-“THANK YOU to my Church Family for all the prayers and cards during my cancer treatments. The prayers worked, and my prognosis is excellent! Thank you!!” - Nancy Younie

-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be HERE at 6:30 p.m.

-Church Office will be CLOSED on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

-**Our First Presbyterian Church Choir** will NOT practice this Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

-There will be a Pork Feed Fundraiser Dinner after Worship next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be free will donation, and the money raised will go toward paying off the Commercial Loan.

-Remember your Advent Decorations, the little rectangles to put on the Chrismon symbols on our Christmas tree. Deacons have extras.

-Please bring in postage stamps (that you receive on your mail) for the Bits & Pieces Mission Project. This helps them continue this helpful and wonderful work!

