

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE

*Closing Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* #347

*Benediction

Postlude *Immortal, Invisible* G. Peterson



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Pastor	Mark Tippin
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Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry

First Presbyterian Church is Reformed congregation and a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. For more information about First Presbyterian and the EPC denomination, visit our website and Facebook page.

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or are ready and excited to join our mission to reach all of Casper for Christ, contact the church office or Pastor Mark.

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Welcome to our Visitors

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come -- this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are glad you are here to worship with us this morning! The pamphlet in the pew pocket will help you get to know our church better, and please fill out and return the visitor form also so that we can get to know you. We have fellowship and refreshments after the service in the parlor, which is through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone around you for directions. Activity bags are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for children to use during the service.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude *A Country Road* MacDowell

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath *The Fankhauser family*

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP

***Call to Worship** *(From Psalm 48)*

Leader: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

People: Let us stream to Mount Zion.

Leader: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: Let us stream to Mount Zion.

Leader: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers.

People: Let us stream to Mount Zion, let us worship the Great King.

***Opening Hymn** *Joy to the World* #195

***Invocation**

***Advent Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* #197

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION

Beatitudes (in unison)

Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12) Pew Bible [Blue] p. 809, [Red] p. 1029

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, do not count our sins against us. We do indeed confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by our own fault. We have brought false sacrifices before you as we come to worship. We have not entered this place of worship with a singular focus on Jesus Christ. Forgive us gracious Lord, cover us with the blood of Jesus Christ your covenant messenger. (Silent Confession) Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear, believe and receive the good news of the

Gospel -- in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God for his grace!**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gloria Patri #735

Anthem

GOD BRINGS US HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 151, [Red] p. 192

New Testament Scripture

Luke 10:25-37, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 869, [Red] p. 1105

Sermon

Love Is Always in Action

Mark Tippin

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS WORD

***Hymn of Response** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #296

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Legende

Broughton

***Doxology** #731

***Confession of Faith** – Westminster Confession 1.9 (in unison)

The infallible standard for the interpretation of the Bible is the Bible itself. And so any question about the true and complete sense of a passage in the Bible (which is a unified whole) can be answered by referring to other passages which speak more plainly.