

To Our Visitors, Welcome!

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 delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

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 with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

Minute for Mission

Parents' Night Out Meeting

Evangelism will be having a meeting of the December 19th Parents' Night Out volunteers **after worship today**. We have need for a few more volunteers for such areas as registration and the cookie decorating center. The event, The Polar Express Extravaganza, begins at 5 PM December 19th and goes until 7:30 PM.

Butterfly Tree

Parish Life is GRATEFUL that ALL the butterflies for children are checked out and that you are helping to make Christmas bright for the children and grandchildren of present and former guests of the women's Transformation Center! There are a few item butterflies left on the tree in the parlor. All gifts are due back under the Butterfly Tree by NEXT SUNDAY, December 20th. They will be delivered to The Transformation Center after Worship that day.

VeggieDairian Needs

More guests will be served at the Mission over the next month, so the need for milk will be greater. If you are able to put some extra change or dollar bills in the VeggieDairian ministry jar, that would be appreciated!

Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Dominique Hennagin Dobson and her two children; our Prayer and Vision teams
- ✠ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✠ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for *Rev. Don Kearby and Rev. Dr. Robert Mossman and Cornerstone Community Church in Aurora, Colorado*; our Elders and Deacons; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims; our EPC missionaries and their families
**Each week we will focus our prayers on one specific church in the EPC Presbytery of the West.*

Upcoming Events for the week of December 13-20

TODAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:15 Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship
Christian Growth after worship

Monday 14th

5:30 P.M. Evangelism
NO Stewardship meeting this month

Tuesday 15th

4:15 P.M. Companions in Christ
(No 6:15 group)

Wednesday 16th

7 P.M. Choir

Next Sunday Dec. 20th

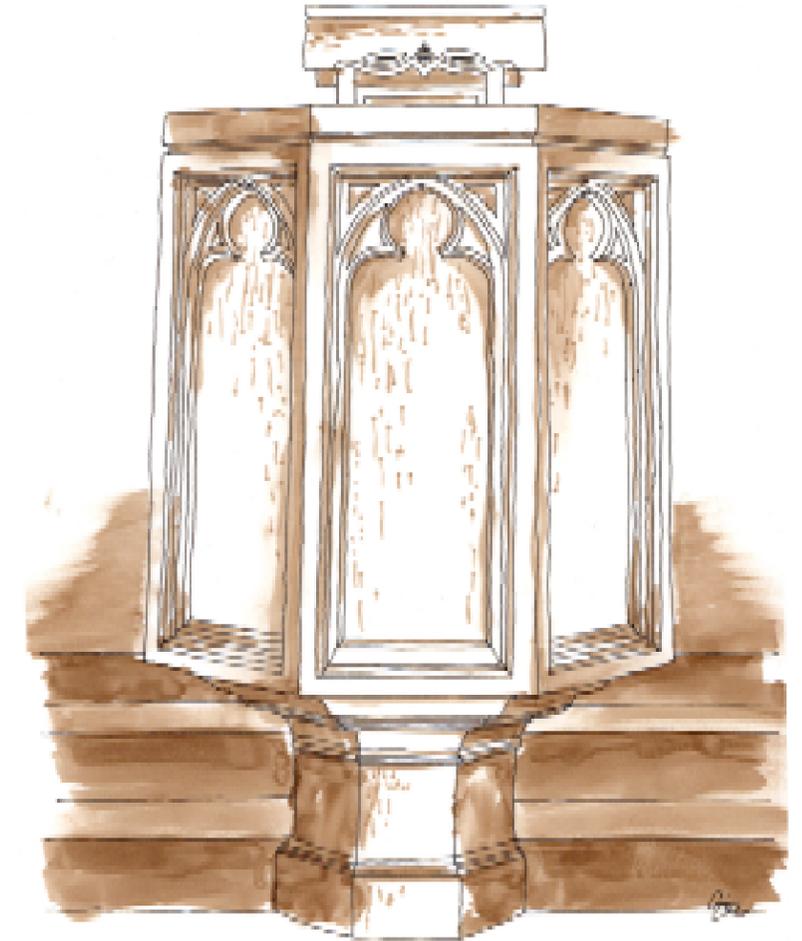
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:15 Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

OT Text: Isaiah 9:2-7

NT Text: Luke 1:1:57-80

Sermon: "Who Are You to Point To?"

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Order for the Worship of God

December 13, 2015

3rd Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

Advent Wreath

*Opening Hymn *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #4

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 48)

Leader: God's 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: 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.

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.

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #194

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 (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #735

Anthem *The King Shall Come* Austin C. Lovelace

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

Micah 5:2-5
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 779, [Red] p. 989

New Testament Text

Luke 1:39-56
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 856, [Red] p. 1088

Sermon *A Response to Revelation* Pastor Mark Tippin

*Hymn *Song of Mary* (See Insert)

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving
Intercession
For the Church
For the Ministry
For the Nation
For all People
The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings Offeratory

*Doxology #731

*Confession of Faith *Westminster Confession 11.1*

Those whom God effectually calls he also freely justifies. He does not pour righteousness into them but pardons their sins and looks on them and accepts them as if they were righteous—not because of anything worked in them or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone. He does not consider their faith itself, the act of believing, as their righteousness or any other obedient response to the gospel on their part. Rather, he imputes to them the obedience and judicial satisfaction earned by Christ. For their part, they receive and rest on Christ and his righteousness by faith (and this faith is not their own but is itself a gift of God).

*Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #384

*Benediction

*Postlude

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Liturgist	Brad Ward
Head Usher	Carol McClure
Greeter	Hannah Tippin
Advent Wreath	The Brattis Family
Nursery	Sue Rainey, Nita Christensen

Information

- ✦ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.
If you have a prayer concern.
- ✦ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge)

Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.

Join a 12-week **Bible study on Romans "A"** on either Tuesday mornings at 9:00 at the Hennagin's or on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the home of the Vreeman's. The studies will begin on **January 12**. If you would like to attend, you can register by signing up on one of the sheets in the parlor. Space is limited, so register early. We will have no study guide or curriculum to speak of other than the Bible itself.