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**Welcome to  
Worship!**

We are an inclusive faith community. Please find a warm welcome here!

Children are lovingly included in worship. Please be patient with peeps and squirms. Worship activity bags are available from an usher for children up to age 10. Staffed nursery care is available for children through age 4.

\*indicates to please stand as you are able.

We are a Stephen Ministry, Covenant Network, and Earth Care Congregation.

**Prayer Requests:**

Contact Pastor Riz in the office with a voicemail message.

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November 29, 2015 ~ 10:00 am

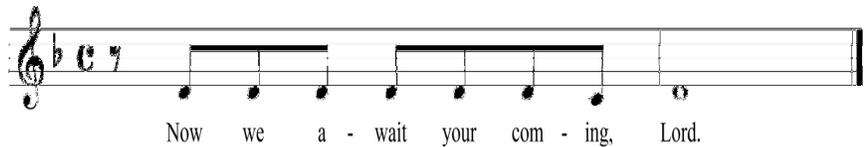
*(Please consider signing the friendship pad.  
We would like to get to know you.)*

Words of Meditation~

The words of confirmation into the Church are an invitation: 'Receive the Holy Ghost.' And that choice must be made not once, but every day, every hour, every minute. – Henry B. Eyring

Prelude “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” A.K. Organ

\*Advent Meditation “Now We Await Your Coming” Daniel Kallman  
*(sing 4 times as indicated by worship leader)*



\*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the day in which we recall the hope we have in Jesus the Christ. We light the candle to remember that Jesus came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem, and gave light to the world.

**People: With you O Lord is the well of life; in your light we see light.**

Leader: The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

**People: You are the Lord who does wonders; you have declared your power among all people.**

Leader: Let us pray, Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations.

**People: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

Leader: Let us always walk in the light of the Lord!

\*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 93

\*Call to Confession

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Let us now confess our sins, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

Silence

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. Help us to remember that we are born of one Spirit and that we are united as one family in Christ. Have mercy on us when we wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit, pride and selfishness. Forgive us and lead us back into the open arms of your constant love. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean, and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news, believe the promise of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 88, v. 7

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us now greet one another with the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Wendy Griffin

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Advent Meditation

**God of the Advent, as we joyfully enter this time of waiting, we feel safe in your everlasting peace. We wait in anticipation of the coming of your son, serving as the guide of our lives and the shepherd of our souls. We hope to emulate his generosity and compassion as we share our time, talent and treasure. Use our gifts so others can be blanketed with the warmth of your unconditional love, like a new life wrapped in the loving arms of a parent. Amen.**

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Good News of Ministry

*Offering Our Lives and Gifts to God (Loose change in the offering plate and Bowl of Abundance helps Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul's Department of Indian Work Food Shelf provide holiday food baskets to low-income American Indian families.)*

Offertory

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Arr. Carlton R. Young

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of love, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**Rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

We give these offerings in faith,

**Trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

We give these offerings in hope,

**Knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.**

\*Song to Welcome Faith Questers

- 1) This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2) Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Message ~ Statement of Faith

Faith Quest 2015

We Open the Doors of the Church & Welcome New Members

Leader: Daley, Kaelan, William, Lizzie & Jack do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Leader: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

**Confirmands: I promise, with the help of God.**

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith, and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence, and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**Confirmands: I promise, with the help of God.**

\*Affirmation of Faith ~ The Good News

Leader: Do you believe in God?

**Church: I believe in God, the almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Church: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Church: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrections of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome to the Family ~

Derward Johnson, Chanell Wall, Henry Jones, Johnbosco Oyoo, Kaludji Ruteye

\*Hymn

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

No. 109

\*Benediction

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!

**By the transforming power of Jesus’ love, we will!**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**

Postlude

“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”

Setting, Mark Sedio

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### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE TODAY A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION:**

**Worship Leader:** John Kachel

**Host Greeters:** Greg & Barb Ritter

**Guest Greeters:** Bruce & Barb Nelson

**Adult Education:** Keith Buckley and Jo Taliaferro continue to lead our exploration and discussion of the parables through Amy-Jill Levine’s book, *Short Stories by Jesus*. Join us in the Heritage Room following worship.

**Children/Youth Education:** PreK—6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the front of the sanctuary for a time together before going to their classrooms with their teachers. Parents, please pick up your children at 12:15 pm in the following classrooms: (There is a sign-out sheet in these classrooms.)

PreK / Kindergarten—E11

1st & 2nd grade—E9

3rd & 4th grade—E5

5th & 6th grade—E3

Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet in the Youth Space/Fireside Room after worship

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**Rides available to  
worship:**

Contact Chris in the  
office by noon on  
Thursday.

**The church office** is  
open Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm;  
closed  
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm  
for lunch.

**Ruling Elders:**

Barbara Jean Hartos-  
Hord, Nancy Holt  
Julie Kehne, Judi Klotz  
Larry Lane  
Irene Meinen  
Bruce Nelson  
Pam Nofsinger  
Tom Ruter  
Adam Schultz  
Darroll Skilling  
Barb Nelson (Clerk)

*(If you have ever been  
ordained as an Elder,  
you are always an  
Elder!)*

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## GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

**Change the World for DIW Food Shelf** - Change in the Sunday offering plates and the Bowl of Abundance during November helps Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul's Department of Indian Work Food Shelf assist low-income American Indian families with culturally appropriate food, including holiday food baskets.

**Thanksgiving Offering for CTI** - You can still donate to this special offering to Compatible Technology International and help farmers in the developing world have more abundant harvests. This local non-profit organization of innovative volunteers create practical food and water tools to harvest, store and process their crops and to gain access to clean drinking water. Donate to NLPC by marking "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check or pew envelope. Thank you!

**Help us decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias!** Cost is \$12.00 each for a single plant in a 6-1/2" pot. Poinsettia sales will help benefit our youth attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium conference at Purdue University in July 2016. Order your poinsettia Sundays after worship beginning today in the atrium, or place order form and check in Wendy Griffin's box. Orders need to be received by Dec. 7.

**Connect with the Sacred** - PARENTS, plan to come to Adult Ed on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll learn about FAITH5™, a simple easy-to-implement practice perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for 5 to 15 minutes a night. When done over time, the FAITH5™ carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. (PS – this can be adapted for older folks and singles too!) Informed by the book, *Holding Your Family Together: 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family Closer to God and Each Other*. Contact Kate Wolfe Jenson, (651-402-5927, [Kate@Jensons.com](mailto:Kate@Jensons.com)) if you would like to buy a copy.

**Calling All Christmas Eve Music Makers** - Come one, come all, singers and instrumentalists for a special musical offering at the 9pm Christmas Eve service. All abilities and ages are welcome. The only rehearsal will be that night, Thursday, December 24 at 7:45 pm in the sanctuary. College students on break are especially welcome. If you would like to participate, please let Amy Maakestad, Music Coordinator, know as soon as possible so that preliminary plans can be made. Christmas refreshments are a distinct possibility!

## GOOD NEWS! PART 2

**Summer Ministries Interest Survey** - Education & Nurture would like your input on future Summer Ministry programming. Please fill out a short online survey at <http://goo.gl/forms/xlpH23H78j>. Please see Wendy Griffin if you would like to fill out a paper version.

**Advent Mitten Tree plus Baby Supplies!** - It's time to decorate our atrium Advent Mitten Tree with mittens, gloves, hats & scarves for children in need at Como Park Elementary. And under the tree, we're collecting baby supplies for Project Home family homeless shelter babies. Items in need: baby bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, bibs, burp cloths, teething rings, formula, baby cereal, baby wipes/lotion/diaper cream, baby nail clippers. Thank you for spreading the warmth and care of Jesus' love!

**Annual Christmas Roast Pork Dinner: Sunday Dec. 13, 11:00 am** - Enjoy good food, fellowship and Christmas music by the North Suburban Chorus (with surprise guest). Cost: \$10 per adult, children 6-12 yrs. \$5 and 5 yrs. and younger free. Families with 2 or more children from 6-12 yrs. are a max. of \$40. Special dietary requests will try to be accommodated if requested at time of reservation. Scholarship funds are available - contact Pastor Riz. Questions, contact Lois at 651.489.6965 or Syd at 612.670.7953. Tickets will be sold today and on Dec. 6 or purchase them in the office during the week.

**European Refugee Crisis assistance** - The crisis is monumental. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is supporting European partners and members of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) as they minister to the large influx of forced migrants from the Middle East. ACT Alliance is helping displaced persons by providing hygiene items, emergency shelter, food, blankets, and psychosocial support for children in the shelters. If you'd like to help: Donate by check to New Life Presbyterian, memo PDA Refugee Crisis, or with cash in an envelope marked for PDA Refugee Crisis. Thank you.

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**Custodian:** Tom Heimkes

## THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN

### **Sunday, November 29**

Confirmation Sunday  
10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary  
10:30 am-3:00 pm KCOC-Youth Space, Kitchen  
11:15 am Fellowship-Atrium  
11:15 am Child/Youth Education-Ed Wing  
11:15 am Adult Education-Heritage Rm  
11:15 am Confirmation Reception-Great Rm  
5:00 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm, Nursery

### **Monday, November 30**

10:00 am Kaposia-Heritage Rm  
6:00 pm TOPS-Heritage Rm

### **Tuesday, December 1**

9:15 am TOPS-Heritage Rm  
11:00 am Staff Worship Planning-Conf Rm  
7:00 pm Membership & Growth-Atrium  
7:00 pm Osborne Books-Great Rm

### **Wednesday, December 2**

9:00 am Quilters-Heritage Rm  
10:45 am Meals on Wheels-Fairview CC  
11:30 am Staff Meeting-Conf Rm  
5:45 pm Handbells-Bell Rm  
6:45 pm Comosso-Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir-Choir Rm

### **Thursday, December 3**

6:30 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm

### **Friday, December 4**

### **Saturday, December 5**

1:00 pm Visioning the Daring Community-Memorial Lounge  
3:00 pm-9:00 pm Kenyan Community-Great Rm

### **Sunday, December 6**

10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary  
10:30 am-3:00 pm KCOC-Youth Space, Kitchen  
11:15 am Pageant Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
11:15 am Fellowship-Atrium  
11:15 am Adult Education-Heritage Rm  
5:00 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm, Nursery  
5:30 pm Youth Group-Fireside Rm