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# First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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# ***THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING***

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. RJ Leek

## **PRELUDE** – Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Chancel Choir

## **ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING**

Monica Kilburn & Carolyn Cockerham

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Angels We Have Heard On High

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

\*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

What Child Is This?

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Lay Leader

**The words we speak all too often do not show You in our lives, God of our pilgrimage. We spend so much time boasting to others, then imagine we have no need for You. We grumble impatiently when You don't respond immediately to our requests but are slow to sing Your praises. We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way, we could serve them. It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb that You fill us with the riches of Your mercy, Steadfast Love! You do so, not because of anything we have done, but because of the compassion which flows from Your heart wounded by our failings. As we open our lives to receive Your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

Lay Leader

How much does God love Us?

Enough to send the divine heart, hope and spirit to us,

Not to condemn us, but to save us.

**Not by our speaking or doing,**

**but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Leek

## **ADVENTURE TIME**

## **ANTHEM**

Christmas Chimings

Joyful Ringers

**\*Please stand, if able.**

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

Lay Leader

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

### **Offering**

Come, Emmanuel, Come

Chancel Choir

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lay Leader

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Leek

### **Our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

## **THE SCRIPTURES**

Lay Leader

Isaiah 60: 1-4, 8-11; Mark 13: 24-37

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Rev. RJ Leek

“True Light is Coming”

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Though Didst Leave Thy Throne – Hymn 127 (verses 1 & 2) Sufficient Grace & Congregation

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Emmanuel – Hymn #134

**POSTLUDE**

Carole Makus

**First Presbyterian Happenings:**

**After church today**

There will be a Congregational Meeting at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.



*Holiday Celebrations*

First Presbyterian Joyful Ringers Hand Bell

Christmas Concert

“Christmas Bells are Ringing”

First Pres Worship Center

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**4 p.m.**



First Presbyterian Candlelight

Christmas Eve Service

First Pres Worship Service

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**6 p.m.**