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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 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
ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING

Chancel Choir
Slack Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel
*He Has Come for Us
The First Noel

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

**We confess we are not the people You hope us to be, Advent God.
The very ones You favor, we too often ignore or ridicule.
The ones You knock off their pedestals,
we admire and emulate.
We are so focused on having more and more,
we risk being sent away empty.**

**Forgive us, Mighty God,
and look with grace upon us.
We would live secure in Your love;
we would be the ones of peace for our world,
we would seek to do Your will,
as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
in whose name we pray.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Ernie Halley, Lay Leader

Even now – yes, even in this very moment,
God comes to us,
Bringing hope,
Bringing forgiveness,
Bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.
**May we open our hearts to the God who is with us,
and receive the gifts which have been offered to us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Becca Redding

ANTHEM

Advent Cry

Chancel Choir

***APOSTLES CREED**

Ernie Halley, 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

Special Music

Bill Neale, Guitar

***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**

Ernie Halley, 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

Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“To the Only Wise God”

Rev. RJ Leek

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Hymn #133

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***Stand, as able.**

(Worship order continues on the insert.)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

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Emmanuel – Hymn #134

POSTLUDE

Carole Makus



Holiday Celebrations

First Presbyterian Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service
First Pres Worship Service
Sunday, December 24, 2023
6 p.m.

