



First Presbyterian Church of Scottsbluff

November 29, 2020

WELCOME!

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“Lord, Revive Us”

by Gilbert Martin

Tolling of the Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

People: The one whom you made strong for yourself.

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you;

People: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

Leader: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #409 “God Is Here!” Vs. 1,2,4**

1 God is here! As we your people

meet to offer praise and prayer,

may we find in fuller measure

what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,

all our varied skills and arts

wait the coming of the Spirit

into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us

of our lifelong need of grace;

here are table, font, and pulpit;

here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching,

here in silence, as in speech,

here, in newness and renewal,

God the Spirit comes to each.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,

in an age of change and doubt

keep us faithful to the gospel;

help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication,

all we have to give, receive:

we, who cannot live without you,

we adore you! We believe!

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Hymn #80 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.

Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.

Come, Lord Jesus. Hear us as we silently confess our sins to you.

Minute of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Response #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Anthem

“Jesus Be With Us”

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands

grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you[a] in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Message *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: The HOPE of God with us!*

Hymn of Preparation #772 "Live Into Hope!" (vs. 2 & 4)

2 Live into Hope! The blind shall see

with insight and with clarity,

removing shades of pride and fear,

a vision of our God brought near

4 Live into Hope! of captives freed

from chains of fear or want or greed.

God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Tithes and Lives to God

Offertory "Of a Father's Love Begotten" *arr. Ruth Schram*

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.

Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #126 "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing:

"Glory, glory, glory!"

Let the heavens ring. (repeat song twice)

Charge & Benediction

Postlude "Personet Hodie" *arr. Larry Shackley*



Jeff & April Fiet, *Pastors*
Randy, Prouty, *Liturgist*

Tami Lippstreu, *Organ/Piano*

PRAYERS REQUESTS:

The Arnold Family

Bob Bishop

Maranda Coop and Family

Cheryl Kennedy

Jamalee Mellinger

Kade Rowley

Kirsten Schutt & Baby

Gary Thompson

Chauncey Walker

Frank Ringleman

Fran Bitner

Julia Bartlett

Laura Clements

Rebecca Deines

Marlin Kuxhausen

Laura Pulscher

Penny Shepherd

Vern Sterk

Debbie VanNoy

Ruth Walker

The Trupp family

Pat Kembel

Call the office to add a name to the Prayer Chain. (308) 632-2131

Scotts Bluff County moved into the **RED** on the risk dial put out each week by Panhandle Public Health District. That means that our area is in SEVERE risk of the spread of COVID-19. In following with our Phased Reopening Schedule First Presbyterian Church will now move into Phase 1, which means our worship will be ONLINE ONLY. Look for updates to this status by email, website, and Facebook.