

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

December 4, 2016

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Dengler

“Once In Royal David’s City”

Choral Beginning

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Crèche and the Lighting of Advent Candles

Voice 1: This morning we light the gold candle, for today is the Second Sunday of Advent, our special time of expectation and preparation.

Voice 2: Gold is the color of wealth, and we light this gold candle to remind ourselves to repent and say we are sorry at how we make our greediness and our getting things more important than living and loving like Jesus.

All: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6: 19-21)

*We Sing Together Hymnbook No. 9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

We Confess Together

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed that many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressors, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while sun and moon endure. May we bow down before you and pay you the tribute that you are due.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said that anyone who hears what he says and trusts in God has unlimited life. The time is coming, indeed it already is here. Our hopes inspire our today. Our expectations change us.

People: All who heed God’s voice shall be inspired by the promise of spiritual life. We trust in the

assurance of God’s grace shown us in the person of Jesus the Christ.

*Response Hymnbook No. 44
O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

-- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace and Children’s Story

*Song of Praise Hymnbook No. 47

“Still, Still, Still”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 501)

Psalm 23

New Testament Lesson (page 116)

John 21: 15-19

Reflection

“Do You Love Me?”

Advent Conspiracy

Luke 2: 1-7

Musical Offering

by Martin

“Every Valley”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

by Curtis

“Make Straight the Crooked Places”

*Doxology - to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Insert

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Those who wish, are invited to say to your neighbor when you serve them:

...the body of Christ broken for you...

...the blood of Christ shed for you...

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Song of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 46

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

“Redeemer, Come, With Us Abide”

*Postlude

by Haffner

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Madison I. Knowles (worship leader), Senior Choir (musical offering, responses), Steve Cureton (children’s story, communion), Joy Christian (organist), Robert Andrews (reflection). Reflection for next week: “Why Are You Weeping?”