

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*December 17 – 8:30*)

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John 3:19

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*“Introduction to the Hymn of Praise”* . . . . . Blersch  
Frank Shelton

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*“Hear, King of Angels”* . . . . . Bach  
Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

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*Leader: Come, let us adore Him!*

**People: Come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (*vs. 1, 3*) . . . . . arr. Rutter

## \* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

## \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*\*WELCOME AND GREETINGS

## \* SONG OF PRAISE

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”* . . . . . arr. Holtzman  
Matt Holtzman, Worship Leader

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

**CALL TO CONFESSION** John Goodale

## COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before You confessing our sins, and asking that You give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \* **RESPONSE, No. 248**

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (vs. 2)*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*"Angels We Have Heard on High" . . . . . Longhurst*

## SERMON

### **BRIGHTER**

*"Turn to the Light" John 3:16-21 Tim McConnell*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"All Is Well" . . . . . Smith*

Sanctuary Choir  
with Children's Christmas Choir  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 185**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response"..... Diemer*

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**Musicians participating in our service this morning**

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## SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Mason Chamberlin Deitemeyer,  
child of David and Heather Deitemeyer

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 176**

*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

**SERMON**

**BRIGHTER**

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## GATHERING MUSIC

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Katie Fowler (9:00); Tom Pipkin (11:00)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

**SONGS OF WORSHIP** Chris Cullins, Greg Hartnett

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love, and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior. Forgive us our sins by Your mercy, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** Zoe Anderson

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** (\*11:00) Danny Shaw

## SERMON

### BRIGHTER

*“Turn to the Light”* John 3:16-21 Tim McConnell

## BENEDICTION

\* Children 3 – Kindergarten can join us for **Bible Break** during the 11:00 a.m. service. Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you’d like them to head upstairs during the second half of the service. Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

Our **Prayer Team** is available to pray for you up front following the service.

# HAPPENINGS

## Christmas Eve

On Sunday, December 24, we will offer nine Christmas Eve services in place of regular Sunday worship. Sanctuary: 10 a.m. Children's service, 12, 2, 4, 5:30, 7 and 10:45 p.m.; Worship Center: 2 and 4 p.m. with live band, video preaching from the Sanctuary. Nursery available at 12, 2, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. services.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be a welcoming presence on Christmas Eve! We still need volunteer ushers, especially at 4, 7 and 10:45 p.m. Please sign up outside worship or at [www.first-pres/servechristmaseve](http://www.first-pres/servechristmaseve). Questions? Contact Mary Frieg at [mfrieg@first-pres.org](mailto:mfrieg@first-pres.org).

## New to First Pres?

We're so glad you're here! Join us after each worship service at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary. Greeters are also available to answer questions near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

## Curious About Jesus?

Ministers are available after each service and would love to listen and answer your questions.

**Doorways Membership Classes:** Wednesday evenings during GTW, January 10 – February 7, and Sunday mornings, February 11 – March 4. Register at [www.first-pres.org/membership](http://www.first-pres.org/membership).

## Offering Envelopes

Preordered offering envelopes are available for pick up today at the table located outside the Library.

## Year-End Giving

The annual Crown the Year Offering during Advent is a thank-offering to the Lord that is over and

above our regular commitments. Prayerfully consider how you might participate in this giving opportunity. Specify "Crown the Year" when you give.

The Business Office, located on the lower level of Hansen Hall, will be open all day Friday, December 29, to receive year-end contributions. A drop slot is also available outside the Business Office. All contributions postmarked or received on or before December 31 will be recorded on the 2017 giving statements to be mailed in January 2018.

**Missions | 884-6233 | [first-pres.org/missions](http://first-pres.org/missions)**  
Something Significant for Christmas Gifts – Orders are being filled in the Plaza and Narthex today. You can also go to [first-pres.org/significant](http://first-pres.org/significant).

**Men | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/men](http://first-pres.org/men)**  
Tuesday Morning Bible Study starts January 9, 6:15 to 7:30 a.m. Register at [www.first-pres.org/men](http://www.first-pres.org/men).

**Women | 884-6119 | [first-pres.org/women](http://first-pres.org/women)**  
WOW Bible Study starts Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30. Register at [www.first-pres.org/women](http://www.first-pres.org/women).

**Students | 884-6220 | [first-pres.org/students](http://first-pres.org/students)**  
High School meets Sunday morning and night. 5th-8th graders meet Sunday morning.

**Camp for Christmas:** 5th –12th graders, sign up for 2018 Winter and Summer camps before Christmas and receive a great discount.  
[first-pres.org/students](http://first-pres.org/students)

**Children | 884-6126 | [first-pres.org/children](http://first-pres.org/children)**  
On Sundays, preschoolers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 10 a.m.; K-4<sup>th</sup> graders meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 10 a.m.



**Nursery | 884-6139 | [first-pres.org/nursery](http://first-pres.org/nursery)**

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

**Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | [first-pres.org/care](http://first-pres.org/care)**

NAMI FaithNet, a peer-led family support group, meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Weber Street Center. The group supports family members, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.

**Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | [first-pres.org/jobs](http://first-pres.org/jobs)**

Get-Set Van Driver, part-time; Assistant Editor, full-time.

**Financial Summary for 2017**

2017 Budgeted Contribution Income . . . . . \$ 6,283,898

Actual Contribution Income through Dec. 11. . . . . \$ 5,698,651

Remaining Balance to Reach 2017 Budget . . . . . \$ 585,247

*Thank you for your gifts and prayers! We are grateful to be partners in ministry with each of you!*

**WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS**

**Mission Emphasis:** Randy Larsen with Engineering Ministries International was able to return to Guatemala this past fall to celebrate the ongoing work that he participated in 11 years ago. He was encouraged by God's faithfulness and was able to help by providing insight into future projects.

**Local Church:** First Lutheran Church

**Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:**

Center at Centennial

Mr. Ed Kirby

Brookdale at Bear Creek

Mrs. Barbara Fatjo

Gifts to  
Sanctuary Flower Fund  
*In Memory of:*

Larry McDermed for his 87th birthday  
on December 24, 2017

Oleta Edwards' birthday by Bill & Virginia Harris  
and the Mark Harris and Holly Spalding families

My brother, Charles Alan Haley,  
by Margaret Haley Oliver

Richard Ebeling by Marion Ebeling and family  
Paul & Evelyn Perkins and Carl & Blanche Swan  
by Joan Perkins

Richard W. Brubaker, Douglas Scott Brubaker,  
Ruth Beal, Max & Hazel Davis, Harold and  
Anita Brubaker, Ron and Nancy Vocalino  
by Brubaker, Lord & Mearns families

Roger DeKok by Carolyn DeKok and family  
Charlotte and Bill Flinkow by Carolyn and  
Pete and the DeKok and Flinkow families

My parents by Kathy D. Nelson

Lu Ann Peterson, Joseph & Doris Gascoigne  
and Harry & Mildred Peterson  
by the Wally Peterson family

Bob, Bonnie, Anita and Cindy Hampson and Bob  
Becker by the Katherine Hampson family

Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Mulkey and John Mulkey II  
by Jim and Jane Mulkey

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Kolb by Jim & Jane Mulkey  
Jay & Doris Bouton by Annie & Rob Foster  
Susan Quinlan by Mike Quinlan

Roger Tepley by Ruth, Risa, Ronna and families

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Margaret Apgar – 12/2/2017

Ms. Mary Ayres – 12/13/2017

Information on those who have gone  
to be with the Lord may be found at  
[www.first-pres.org/memorials](http://www.first-pres.org/memorials).