

December 17, 2017



11:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,  
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

**\*\*Those who are able, please stand**

**Prelude** "The King Shall Come" setting by Charles W. Ore

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Dr. Sue Coller  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.*

**Choral Introit** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Call to Worship** Brittany Pfofner

One: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

*All: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

*All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

**\*\*Hymn #93** "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO  
arr. Brian Pfofner

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Christ. You continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. Out of fear or greed or selfishness, we have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others. Our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the birth with acts of compassion and service. Amen.*

**Mission Statement:**

*First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.*

*We praise God through worship  
We live our beliefs through mission*

*We strengthen faith through study  
We nurture a diverse community*

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*\*The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*All: And also with you.*

*Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.*

### \*\*Song of Anticipation #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (verse 1 only)

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*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

### Children's Time

Kris Brammer

### Lighting the Third Advent Candle

The Draper Family

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

*All: We light a candle for the Christ who calls us to join him in his holy work.*

### A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-4

#### Advent Prayer

One: Advent God, we think you anointed Jesus to take on flesh and to fulfill your mission on earth to bring about your Kingdom.

*All: In this Advent season, may our expectations of you be shattered and our minds and hearts open to surprise. Amen.*

#### Advent Song

To the tune of "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
*Light a candle bright and tall, For the One who breaks the mold.  
Feeding sheep and gathering all, Power that serves God's way of old.  
Shine within our hearts today, Come, O Christ, to us, we pray.*

### Prayer For Illumination

#### First Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24 (NT pg. 205)

Olivia Diedrichsen

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

#### Special Music

"Good King Wenceslas"  
*Youth Instrumentalists*

arr. Brian Pfofner

#### Second Scripture Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NT pg. 91, 92)

**\*\*Hymn #69**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Here I Am, Lord)

*Children's choir, confirmands & congregation*

Verse 1: Children & Confirmands

Verse 2 & 3: All

## Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming New Members

### Introduction

### Profession of Faith

### Presentation of Stoles

### Questions to Congregation

### Sacrament of Baptism

### Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

### Welcome

One: Through his baptism, Jacob has been received into the one holy, catholic and apostolic church. Elyse, Brady, Owen, Nyabuoy, Mayuom, Kris and Kris have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the family of God, they have been called to serve Christ in the world.

*All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.*

### The Offering

*Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate*

### Offertory

"Sleepers, wake!"

Felix Mendelssohn

*Chancel Choir with Alicia & Meghan Henderson, trumpets; Steve Henderson, trombone*

*Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling.*

*It is the watchman on the walls: Thou city of Jerusalem!*

*For lo! The Bridegroom comes!*

*Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah!*

*Awake! His kingdom is at hand!*

*Go forth, go forth to meet your Lord!*

### **\*\*Hymn of Dedication** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn #104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
decant Brian Pfoltnr

## **\*\*Charge and Benediction**

One: ...and I know you will, for you are...

*All: The Salt of the Earth*

One: You are...

*All: The Light of the World*

One: You are ...

*All: The People of God*

One: And God goes with you.

## Postlude

“Swiss Noel”

setting by Louis-Claude Daquin

*(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God*

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### **Greeters:**

Jack & Marilynn Hoenig, Paul Kasl

### **Ushers:**

Deb & Sona Buchholz, Jerry & Connie Phillippi, Karl  
Tillinghast

### **Sunday Morning Drivers:**

Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes,  
Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen

### **TV/Editing Crew:**

Linda Brodzik, Jim DeFrain, Debbie DeFrain, Steve Hill  
Shannon Janike, Paul Jasa, Tyler Knoche, Paul Smith

### **TV/Editing Crew Youth Volunteers:**

Olivia Diedrichsen, Owen Hill, Andrew Peterson

*Pastor/Head of Staff:*

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

*Pastor for Sudanese Ministry:*

Rev. Jock Tut Paleak

*Director of Music:*

Dr. Brian Pfoltnr

*Organist:*

Dr. Charles W. Ore

*Please join us in the East Entrance following the  
service to greet and welcome our new confirmed  
members and enjoy some light refreshments.*

*Director of Christian Education:*

Kris Brammer