

December 31, 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***



***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*

**Prelude**

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

setting by JS Bach

**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.*

**Call to Worship**

Alicia Henderson

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

*All: We receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, and a message of salvation.*

One: Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the wasteland, and shown strength in all the nations.

*All: Word of the infant born in Bethlehem is good news.*

One: Christ is born! The prophet's hopes are made flesh!

*All: Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born!*

**\*\*Hymn #132**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

*We could proclaim your name, God, but we spend too much time talking about others. We could tell others about all your gracious deeds, but we are too caught up in the exploits of our favorite athletes. We could let your Word guide us, but instead we do what others think is best. Why? Because we forget who we are called to be. But you remember. You remember that we put our trust in others, not you. You remember how we chase after idols, not you. You also remember to save us in our distress, and for that we are grateful. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: In the silence, in the dreams, in the wonder, in the words, God comes to save us and have mercy on us.

*All: It is fitting that we offer our thanks and praise to the One who forgives us. Thanks be to God!*

**\*\*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 Joy #143**

“Angels of the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

(verses 1 & 4 only)

**Children's Time**



*(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:**

Paul Kasl & Dorothy Schnieber

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

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Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen

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