

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctum Nomen

Margaret Rizza

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please hold the elements until all are served)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn No. 44

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.

POSTLUDE

People Look East

Callahan

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.



THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost

Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Margaret Carroll and Family

Leader: ...Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray together.

People: (unison) God of peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world. May we prepare for that day by working together for justice and peace. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

*HYMN NO. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great joy,
In this season of Advent, we confess that we are compelled by fear—
fear of your presence, fear of your power, fear of your love.
We avoid your light and stick to the shadows in fear that we might burn.
Forgive us we pray. Forgive us for our failure to embrace your immense love
and proclaim your name in this world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do you feel it?
God's tender mercy rests on you, heals you, transforms you.
Do you see it?
God's Light breaks into our lives, and shows us the way.
People: Renewed and made whole,
we see the path God has prepared for us—
the way of peace, the way of hope,
the way of grace, the way of service.
We hear the good news of our forgiveness. Thanks be to God!
Amen.

* GLORIA Hymn No. 23
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Hal H. Hopson
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from stem hath spung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by prophets sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, a mid the cold of winter, half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, O Israel.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Children are invited to come forward.
SERMON *Flowers in the Desert: New Life in God's Kingdom* Sherard Edington
The Peaceable Kingdom

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.