

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 30, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name; for to us has come a savior, Christ the new born king.

CHRISTMAS INTROIT

"Joy to the World"

Congregation

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

* CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we light these candles today, we thank God for hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way. We thank God for his gift of Jesus. We thank him that thru Christ his light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. His truth, his love, his very self, transforms all who receive him.

The Candles are lit.

Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may he be born in us and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through him, this both now and forevermore. Amen.

* CAROL

"Joy to the World"

Congregation

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM

My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord

READING OF THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-13, 21a

This is the Word of the Light of the World.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

"Come Before Winter"

Reverend Glendell Smith

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Welcome to the **Reverend Glendell Smith** and his wife **Bonnie**. We give thanks for Glendell's willingness to share God's word with us this day. Glendell serves as a chaplain in the adult critical units at BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

The new flower list for 2008 is on the volunteers' desk. Feel free to sign up.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Alice Harvey in honor of Pats 87th birthday.

Helping Hands contribution for December is rice.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor, Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty
Liturgist- Julia Kasch

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun. January 6 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Dara Garlington, Secretary Monday to Friday. 9:00-12:00

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