

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison)..... Hymn No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion..... Open Communion

    Invitation to the Lord's Table

    Prayer of Consecration

    Words of Institution

    Holy Communion ..... (Please hold elements until all have been served.)

    Prayer After Communion

### **Bearing the Word Into the World**

\*Charge and Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

*Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!*

### **Announcements**

**Today's Poinsettia Tree** is given to the glory of God by Lynn Landers, in honor of her Grandchildren.

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** First Presbyterian, Paragould; Church Custodians.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to sign, and include your email or street address, in the red Attendance Registration Book, as it is passed to you. Once it reaches the end, please pass the book back to its original location so that those sitting in the pew with you may learn your name. The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary.

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**Order of Worship**  
**December 1, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Advent ~ Communion Sunday**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Ian Poole

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit ..... *"Christmas Means Thinking of Jesus"* ..... O'Hara/W. Angell  
Solo, Jerry Jones

Call To Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep.

**People: The night is far gone; the day is near.**

Leader: Keep awake; be ready! Christ is coming!

**People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 149 (Red Hymnbook) . *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"* ..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
*The Red Hymnbook is located in the rack underneath the pew in front of you.*

Lighting the First Advent Candle ..... John and Frankie Ochsner

Reader: Advent is a time for Christians to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

**People: How long, O Lord, how long?**

Reader: For those waiting for answered prayer:

**People: Grant your steadfast patience.**

Reader: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

**People: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.**

Reader: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

**People: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.**

Reader: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

**People: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Music to  
Christ Be Our Light

**Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 2: 1-5 ..... pg. 631, OT

Anthem ..... *"Come on, Ring Those Bells"* ..... Marty Parks  
Mighty Men of Music and First Bells

Sermon ..... *"Walking in the Light of Advent"* ..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn No. 13 ..... *"Prepare the Way"* ..... BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) ..... 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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Come quickly, Lord;

**People: Our hope is in you.**

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) ..... Hymnal, page 16