

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Melissa Gill and Samuel McCann.

We will gather for a **Christmas Social Today!** It will be a potluck meal, we will sing Christmas carols, and there will be a pageant (though a new kind of pageant!) Join Us!

Please join us on **December 24th, at 7:00 pm** for our **Christmas Eve Worship Service.**

Thanks to the volunteer Salvation Army Bell Ringers from Memorial Presbyterian Church who rang the Red Kettle bells at Dillard's east entrance on Dec. 2. Their efforts raised just shy of \$400 for the day. Bell ringers include: Holly VanAuken, Charlotte Lovett, Ann Forsyth and her High School class students, Doris Hinson, Eileen Burke, Charles Johnson, Jan Johnson, Joan Cole, Carolyn Montgomery, Harold Conner, Bill Taylor, Paul Phelps, Bart Ward, Carl Forthman, and Tamara Iske. Good Job everyone!

SUNDAY **December 20**
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 a.m. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY **December 23**
5:00 p.m. – Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY **December 24**
7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY **December 27**
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 a.m. – Worship Service



Memorial Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY** **December 20, 2015**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God's Noel

Go down, angels, to the anguished earth—
quiet the shepherds, startled by your wings,
so quick to fear, hardened by sufferings—
tell of this birth.

Speak joy to them—
tell of the sign that waits in Bethlehem
in a crude manger, swaddled in mere clay—
there every wildered mortal may
hear a carol sung
of heaven's making, rhymed in human tongue.
Comfort my people, coax them from their fear—
go sweetly sing,
"Sharing, assuaging humanhood
exults, exalts, the heavenly King!"
Sing, "Peace is come to men who love the good—
Be of good cheer!"
- William R. Mitchell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Valet Will Ich Der Geben Johann Sebastian Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
(LBO) Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship.
Let us magnify the Lord together!

*SONG OF RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN

Hymn 137

He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
Hallelujah forevermore.
(sing twice)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“THE AMAZING STORY”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

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On this fourth Sunday of Advent,
as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ,
we light the candle of love.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

This is how God showed his love:

He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 3:1)

A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.
(John 13:34-35)**

RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN
(Sing Twice)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(LBO) God of truth and wisdom,
as we listen for your living Word,
send your Spirit to teach us your way,
and lead us in the path
of your steadfast love and faithfulness.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:39-55

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Arise, Arise and Shine!

MESSAGE

Choose Love

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

**We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

**We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

(LBO)

Let us bring to God our offerings,
with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all.
Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and
God's world.

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