

KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcomes you to Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

ADVENT I

Dec. 2, 2018

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP : Advent Liturgy
and lighting the Candle of Hope (see insert)



***HYMN:** 110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:
(unison)

Righteous One, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised One - the One who comes with power and glory, the One who draws near to bring our salvation.

Merciful God, for whom we wait, relieve us of the affliction of sin as we confess our failures to you. Forgive us for the hurts we have caused to our families and friends. Forgive us for labeling others as impossible to love, and ignoring the cries of those who live on the edge of our society. Forgive us, God, who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. This we ask as we pray... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PARDON & PEACE:

L: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news. The apostle Paul prayed that "the Lord may make our love overflow for each other and for everyone.... that the Lord may strengthen our hearts in holiness so that we will be blameless before God." Therefore, we believe, according to his prayer that God is with us and our sins are forgiven. May the peace

of Christ of be with you.

C: And also with you.

(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG: 165 O little town of Bethlehem

CHILDREN'S TIME:

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURES: Larry Huth

Psalm 25:1-10

(Pages 502,856)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(Pages 738,1240)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

(Pages 204,1850)

Luke 21:25-36 (Rev. Paul)

(Pages 85,1647)

L. This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Be Alert - The Messiah is Coming

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SDPECIAL MUSIC: David Graham

Living for Jesus & Mary's Song

OFFERING:

We give thee but thine own

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what- e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine alone,

a trust, O Lord, from thee

PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: 134 Lord, you were rich

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true

*Know he will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above
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Thur. Dec. 6 6 p.m. **G.A.S.** (*Elmvale Presbyterian Church*)

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