

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA  
WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 27, 2016

10:00 A.M.

**First Sunday of Advent**

We extend an enthusiastic welcome to all who would worship here or join us in fellowship. We affirm that there can be no exclusion within the body of Christ. If you need assistance, please check with the ushers. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a request slip found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. *If you would like to have a conversation about joining our church, please contact Pastor Gary Smith.*

**Mission Statement:**

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, the mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Broken Bow, Nebraska, is to share the word of God, the love of God, and the forgiveness of sins through God's grace in fellowship with all believers.

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold** - Read in Unison

Preparation for Worship

Come and walk in the light of the Lord. Let us go up to the house of our God, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Gary Smith

**SHARING THE PEACE:**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And Also with You.** Let us share the peace of Christ with those among us

\* **COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER** - Gary Smith

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP:** - Responsive Liturgist Anita Schmidt

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

**The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

Let us worship God.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**ROGER & DE LOEHR**

\* **HYMN #88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\***CALL TO CONFESSION** – Gary Smith

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** – Unison – Liturgist Anita Schmidt

**Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** – Gary Smith

**Thanks be to God.**

\***RESPONSE-** “There’s a Star in the East” 1<sup>st</sup> verse

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**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Gary Smith

**ANTHEM -**

Chancel Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** – Unison- Liturgist Anita Schmidt

**Creator of the stars, in the stillness of this moment we wait; in the stillness of this moment we listen. As we hear the words of Scripture and sermon, we wait for your living Word; we listen for the cadence of your voice. Break into our lives with your eternal light and teach us your ways that we may walk in your paths of truth. Amen.**

**PREPARATION-** Liturgist Anita Schmidt

The Lord has promised us:

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
to prepare the way.

Matthew 11:10

**First Reading-**

Psalm 122

Liturgist- Anita Schmidt

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The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading-**

Matthew 24:36–44 Gary Smith

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**MESSAGE**

Pastor Gary Smith

\* HYMN #106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –Unison

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*

\*TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLGY

No. 606

\*PRAYERS

\*HYMN # 384 " Soon and Very Soon"

\*\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

**---(Everyone stand and join hands while singing) ---**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*POSTLUDE

A special **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with worship.

Organist ~ Bill Reichert

Pianist ~ Jan Dobesh

Greeters/Ushers ~ Norland & Dorothy Carr

Liturgist ~ Anita Schmidt

Song Leader ~ De Loehr

Pray For: Deanna Stewart, Shelly Scott, Vance Vohland, Pauline Landreth, Jeff McMeen, Paul Robison, Molly Custer, Darleen Olson, Kay Koozer, Paul Loomer, and all Law Enforcement



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Wednesday 11/30 3:30 Quigley's, J-Squad & 6:30 PTFG

### **Next Month In Our Church**

Sunday 12/4 10:00 AM Worship Service  
Wednesday 12/7 3:30 Quigley's, J-Squad & PTFG 6:30  
Sunday 12/11 10:00 AM Worship Service, Quigley's Christmas Nativity  
Congregational Meeting after service  
Soup Supper / Cake Auction this evening (time TBA)  
Wednesday 12/14 3:30 Quigley's & J-Squad  
Thursday 12/15 Session Meeting 7:00  
Sunday 12/18 10:00 AM Worship, J-Squad Bell Performance & Coffee Fellowship  
Wednesday 12/21 3:30 Quigley's, J-Squad & PTFG 6:30 (Christmas Parties)  
Deacon's Meeting 7:00  
Sunday 12/25 10:00 Christmas Day Service  
Wednesday 12/28 No Youth Groups! Annual Reports are due to Jenn

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