

\*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

(8:30) "Angels We Have Heard on High" Humphrey Turner

(11:10) "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"  
*Handbell Choir* Anna Laura Page

*Special thanks to our liturgists this morning:*

*8:30 – Kristin Coco 11:10 – Steve Heere*

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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 10, 2017**

*You are invited to use Scripture for reflection  
or the following prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26**

PRELUDE

(8:30) “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Lani Smith

(11:10) “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Anna Laura Page  
*Handbell Choir*

WORDS OF WELCOME

BRINGING THE LIGHT “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.  
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH 8:30 – The Cable Family  
11:10 – The Jenkins Family

Scripture reading Isaiah 9:7, John 14:25-31  
Lighting of the Candle of Peace

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**Almighty God, we seek to be the peacemakers that You have called us to be. May the light of Christ in our lives be bright. Grant us peace in Christ so that our hearts might not be troubled, empower us to share this peace with others in need. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends upon Your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends upon Your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that You should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon, and for Your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!!**

\*RESPONSE **Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “African Noel” Victor Johnson  
*Youth Choir*

(11:10) “Savior of the Nations, Come” David Bridges  
*Chancel Choir*

\*DOXOLOGY

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

ANTHEM

(11:10) “Almost There” Heather Sorenson  
*Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8  
(page 935 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Preparing for the Lord to Come” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 38

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”