

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.**

(11:10)

ANTHEM

"The Yearning"  
*Chancel Choir*

Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:7-18  
(page 960 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Charge to Change"

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN No. 30

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

MARY'S CHILD

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"  
*Praise Team*

Handel, Tomlin,  
Cash & Gilder

(11:10)

"Christmas Bells"

Thygerson

*Special thanks to our liturgists:*

*8:30 – Bob Wegner 11:10 – Nicole Graco*

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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 16, 2018**

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

**"I bring you good news of great JOY that will be for all the people."  
Angel to the shepherds in Luke 2:10**

PRELUDE  
(8:30)

"Glory to God"  
*Praise Team*

(11:10)

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Thygerson

WORDS OF WELCOME

BRINGING THE LIGHT

"Joy to the World"  
**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.**

ANTIOCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 – The Mills Family  
11:10 – The Carson Family  
Luke 2:8-14

Scripture reading  
Lighting of the Candle of Joy

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**Eternal God, as the angel brought news of a great joy to the shepherds, we too have news of joy to share. Renew in us the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ. Help us to be bearers of this good news to all people, so that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(11:10)

THE BETHLEHEM WALK

"Las Posadas"

Children & Parents

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30)

\* HYMN No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

GLORIA

(11:10)

\* HYMN No. 29

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, You are the real Joy-giver! We don't always look to You for our Joy. Too often we seek comfort from other people, places and things. In this season we can mistakenly believe that material gifts bring happiness. Sometimes we turn to food for our comfort and have too much. Lately we have been made aware of how some look to power over others for satisfying the longing of meaning and purpose. The brokenness of our world can be measured by our pursuit of worldly comforts and pleasures, positions and power. There is no hope or salvation in these. Forgive us our sin and turn our hearts back toward Jesus who is the One, and only One, who can provide the Joy of salvation that satisfies all we long for. We ask for Your mercy and grace to lead us in new ways. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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)

"What Child Is This"  
*Praise Team*

GREENSLEEVES

(11:10)

"Come, Thou Jesu"  
*Chancel Choir*

Purifoy  
*Craig Steiner, Cello*

\*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