



*Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day*

December 20, 2015

11:10 AM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’” Isaiah 40:3-5

PRELUDE “Sing We Now of Christmas” Karrin Ford

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CHORAL INTROIT “O Come, Little Children” Sunday School Children

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING John 3: 16-21

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Kutzer Family

UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, through generations You prepared a way in our world
for the coming of Your Son, and by Your Spirit You are still
bringing the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Renew us, so that
we may welcome Jesus Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love,
as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction
Questions to the Parents – Matthew and Elizabeth Hirschfeld Popovic
Questions to the Congregation
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism of Caiden and Evan Popovic

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Opening Prophecy – Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

(Congregation please stand)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymn # 9

The Announcement – Luke 1:26-33

The Angel appears to Joseph – Matthew 1:19-24

(Congregation please remain seated until final hymn)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Hymn # 31

The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:1-7

The Angel’s Message – Luke 2:8-14

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn # 23

Visit of the Shepherds – Luke 2:15-20

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” – Hymn # 29

Visit of the Kings – Matthew 2:1-10

“We Three Kings” – Hymn # 66 (vs. 1-4)

Kings Return Home – Matthew 2:11-12

**Offering – “The Birthday of a King” W.H. Neidlinger
Kids Choir**

Prayer – Dr. Lesnett

Our Joy – John 3:16

***Recessional Hymn – “Joy to the World” Hymn # 40**