

(8:30)
ANTHEM "The Yearning"
Chancel Choir Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:47-55
(page 957 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Holy is His Name" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 56 (*verses 1-4*) "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (8:30) "Christmas Bells" Thygerson

(11:10) "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
Praise Team Handel, Tomlin,
Cash & Gilder

Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 – Andrew Neil 11:10 – Mark Meyer

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***Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Second Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2018***

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

"This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:9-10

PRELUDE

(8:30) "Love Came Down at Christmas" Thyngerson
(11:10) "Glory to God"
Praise Team

WORDS OF WELCOME

BRINGING THE LIGHT "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH
**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness.
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 – The Cohn Family
11:10 – The Rea Family
John 3:16-21

Scripture reading
Lighting of the Candle of Love

COLLECT (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.

(8:30)
* HYMN No. 49 "Once In Royal David's City" IRBY

(11:10)
* HYMN No. 23 "Angels We Have Heard On High" GLORIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things-our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake. 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) "Come, Thou Jesu" Purifoy
Chancel Choir *Craig Steiner, Cello*
(11:10) "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" Snyder
Youth Choir & Elementary 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.**