

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

“Joy to the World”
Handbell Choir

Mallory

(11:10)

“Toccata Jubiloso”

Peterson

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:30 – Sharon Griffin 11:10 – Virginia Lesnett

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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018**

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

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Jesus in Matthew 5:9

PRELUDE

(8:30) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Larson
Handbell Choir

(11:10) “Ring Out the Bells” Patterson
Elementary Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME

BRINGING THE LIGHT “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH
**Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH 8:30 – The Radich Family
11:10 – Janell Haygood
Lauren Jones Family

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

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect our fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. Here will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God’s glory. Amen

* HYMN No. 12 “People, Look East” BESANCON

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: 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) “The First Noel” McChesney
Handbell Choir

(11:10) “Sing Noel” Patterson
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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:1-6
(page 959 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “The Chance to Prepare” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO

*BENEDICTION