

EVENING WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
December 1, 2024 – 5:00 PM

~ Please pick up a hymnal before the service ~

Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:9

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Invocation

*Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Confession of Sin

(responsive)

Lord, your word says love is patient and kind.

But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.

Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud.

But we confess that sometimes we have been envious, and boastful, and proud.

Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.

Your word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.

Your word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of your love. Help us to choose the way of trusting you, putting our hope in you, knowing that your love never fails. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4–6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Pastoral Prayer

Bob Demick

*Hymn No. 197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Sermon

Christmas: The Promise of Christ

Pastor Moore

Genesis 3:1–24

*Hymn No. 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Benediction

*Please stand if you are able.

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Colossians 1:28