

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER: (see words on screen, LBW p.76)

PRAYER & BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Prepare the Royal Highway" (LBW #26)

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Accompanist: Sara Lemen **AV:** Cameron Schmidt **Acolyte:** Athena McLaurin
Greeters: Beth Corcoran & Cyndy King **Ushers:** Ron & Ann Stewart
Reader: Karen Phelps **Counters:** Need Volunteers

Dec. 24, 2017

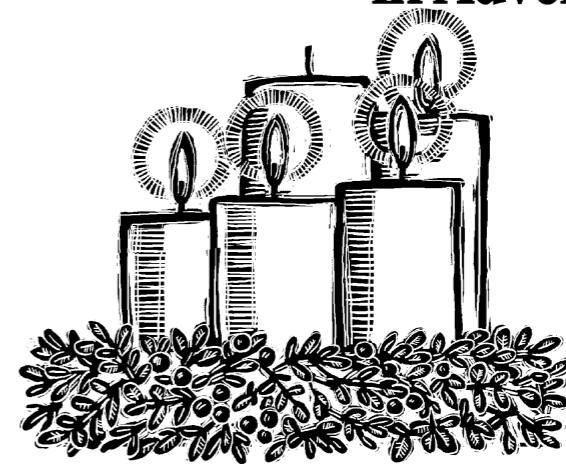
Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



**"GABRIEL ANNOUNCES,
JESUS IS COMING!"**

Fourth Sunday in Advent



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**9:00 am
Service**

Pastor Hank Corcoran
Office Hours
M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Church Office Hours:
M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Guests: Welcome to Prince of Peace Church!
We pray that you will be enriched and inspired by your worship with us this morning.
We know that we will be blessed by your presence.
Please fill out an Attendance Card with your information and place it in the offering. Thank you!

9:00 a.m. Service ~ December 24, 2017

Good Morning and Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SONGS OF PRAISE:

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (WOV blue #630)

"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (LBW green #45)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

GLORIA:

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (LBW green #71)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (WOV blue) - pages 29-30

All: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Men: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Women: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

C: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Reader: Karen Phelps

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-5

L: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

C: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

L: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,

C: **'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'**"

ALL: **The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** (greet those around you)

ALLELUIA: (green) - page 62

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL TEXT: Luke 1:26-38

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE: "Gabriel Announces, Jesus is Coming!" Pastor Hank Corcoran

APOSTLES CREED: (LBW p.65)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: (LBW p.75)

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**