

FALKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Mr. Roy Lewis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are we ready?

People: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.

Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to us this day to free us from sin and give us life.

People: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who in Christ loves us completely and grants us peace.

People: Let us praise God for his perfect love and the peace that passes all understanding!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CELEBRATION MUSIC

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Angels We Have Heard On High
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Silent Night

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we thank you for this holy Advent time, when we again prepare our hearts to make room for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We confess, however, that such preparation is often difficult. Our December days can become cluttered with many distractions: With busyness and haste, with seeking fulfillment in things and in stuff, with increasing

pressures to do more, to be more, to spend more, all of which can leave us empty of the joy of Christ's coming.

Forgive us, good Lord. With shepherds and angels and the wise of all the ages, may we again find ways to kneel again at the manger and discover anew your love come down to us in Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem, our Savior and the Savior of all. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 130

New Testament: Matthew 24: 36-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON:

"Waiting on the Lord"

Dr. Rob Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD - by the People of God

*DOXOLOGY

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*HYMN

In His Time

Insert

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

**Congregation will stand if able.*

CELEBRATION MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing. Glory to the new-born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise. Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come. Offspring of the Virgin's womb

Hail the Flesh, the God Head see. Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing. Glory to the new-born King

Silent Night

Silent night! holy night! All is calm all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

In His Time

In his time, in his time
He makes all things beautiful
In his time

Lord please show me everyday
As you're teaching me your way
That you do just what you say
In your time

In your time, in your time
You make all things beautiful
In your time

Lord my life to you I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to you a lovely thing
In your time

Lord please show me everyday
As you teaching me your way
That you do just what you say
In your time