

# FALKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

## APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Mr. Roy Lewis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP p. 38  
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (1<sup>st</sup> Verse)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CELEBRATION MUSIC

*Joy to the World* P. 40  
*Go Tell It On the Mountain* P. 29  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* P. 44

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we come confessing our sins: we grumble and gripe about what we have and fail to see our blessings. We want what our wealthy neighbors have and ignore the fact other neighbors don't have necessities at all. We delight in creation- the glories of sky and sea, but seldom think about the ways we pollute and destroy those gifts. We want to be first, most important, get what we want when we want; in short, we are selfish. We move toward Christmas looking for joy in the gifts and goodies we will find under the tree, but are blind to joy eternal which is found in our Savior, Christ Jesus. Forgive us and turn our hearts toward you and your ways. Prepare our hearts for joy found in the gift of Emmanuel.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM "O Holy Night" Roy Lewis

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-2  
New Testament: John 1: 1-4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "More Than Meets the Eye" Rev. Cam Coburn

\*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

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

\*DOXOLOGY Page 592

\*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" Verses 1 & 2 Page 525

\*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

\*Congregation will stand if able.