



# Worship for the Lord's Day

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

December 7, 2014  
Second Sunday of Advent

Communion  
9:30 a.m.

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## Welcome

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

## Gathering

*We gather together to worship and praise God.*

### We Praise God in Song

*Am I Awake*

*Aronson*

*Hope of the Nations*

*Doerksen & Cole*

### Greeting

## Sharing and Praying

### We Ask God to Forgive Us

### We Share the Peace of Christ

*Hallelu*

*Levine*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Carol from an Irish Cabin*

### We Gather at the Advent Wreath

### We Share Our Concerns and Remembrances and

#### A Prayer for World AIDS Day

### We Offer Our Gifts to God

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom, #378*

*Merle's Tune*

## Listening

### We Listen for God's Word

*Speak Lord I'm Listening*

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

### Sermon

"In the Wilderness"

Walter Peters

*After the sermon, we take time for silent prayer.*

### We Affirm Our Faith

### The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*Come, Share the Lord, #510*

*Leech*

## Sending

### We Share News of Our Common Life

This Week at First Presbyterian

### We Go in Peace

*Forever*

*Tomlin & Cole*

Invitation to Discipleship

### Closing Response and Blessing

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

### During Today's Worship

**Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.**

**Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices** are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

**If your infant or child needs care** or becomes too restless during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system that will alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

**Worship programs for children** include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8 & 11 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 11 a.m. service.

**Worship folders and crayons for children** are available at the ushers' table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave the sanctuary. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

### If you are new to First Church

**Please sign our Ritual of Friendship**, the red pad in the pew.

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

**Handicap entrance** is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

**We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour** after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

**New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household.** This one session class is the way to become a member of First Church.

### First Church Cares

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Walt Peters or Ruth Bell.



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