

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

“How Firm a Foundation”  
*Gus and Charlotte Holdrich, handbells*

Douglas E. Wagner

**Song of Preparation**

**Hymn No. 108**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

**Call to Worship**

*The triune God calling His church to worship Him*

**Prayer of Invocation**

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

**Reading of the Law**

Matthew 5:43-48

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life*

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O most great, most just and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Your holy worship and Your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first Your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed Your love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess You alone are our hope. Make us Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

## **Reading of the Gospel**

Galatians 3:10-14

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

## **Songs of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn No. 125**

"Joy to the World!"

Antioch

**Hymn No. 163**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Dix

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

*Cheerfully responding to God's generosity with the giving of our resources*

**Offertory**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 11:1-13

page 869, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word*

**Sermon**

“The Glorious Wonder of Prayer”  
*40th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”*

Rev. David O'Connell

**Closing Song**

**Hymn No. 233**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hyfrydol

*Our thanks to Esther Steele for leading music at this evening's service of worship.*

**Next Sunday, January 4, 2015**

**Morning Service**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“Prepared by God”

*Exodus 2:1-10*

Dr. Robert M. Norris

**Evening Service**

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The King and His Kingdom”

*Luke 11:14-26*

Mr. Rob Yancey

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