

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 2, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Pastorale on Adeste Fideles

David Schelat

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

People: He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest wheat.

Leader: He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

People: He sends out his word and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes to Israel.

People: He has not dealt like this with other nations.
Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Living God, you sent your Son as Word Incarnate to restore our fallen world. Yet, we confess that we have sinned and failed to enact your reign. When we make no room for Christ and fail to welcome Him into our lives, when we follow shooting stars and squander our gifts in Herod's court, when we seek to cut down those who might rise above us, when we erase the poor and displaced, we turn to you, O Christ. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of Light, you have revealed yourself to us through Christ, the Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture, we might know your presence and follow your light each day of our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The First Noel

Hal Hopson

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave a great light, and so it was continued both day and night.*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Michael Schulte

Biblical Authority and Human Sexuality

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 331** *Thanks To God, Whose Word Was Written* W. GREEN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* John Behnke

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 40 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *As with Gladness Men of Old* Wayne Wold

WORSHIP NOTES –

Six Principles for Understanding Biblical Authority

1. The Bible is a theological text which seeks to understand God.
2. The Bible is not a pristine document that remains fixed throughout the ages. It is God's living and enduring word.
3. The Bible requires interpretation.
4. The Bible does not always provide clear answers. It invites us to ask deep questions.
5. The Bible does.
6. Christian reading of the Bible should center the saving work of Christ.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 12, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

Join us for great food and fellowship.

WE WELCOME JEFF LIGHT AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST. Jeff is a Nashville organist who, after spending many years as an organist in many churches, decided to become a full-time substitute. He enjoys the variety of different churches and music programs as he travels around.

POINSETTIAS – Please take a poinsettia for yourself or to share.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – First Presbyterian Women of the Church will gather on Monday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your calendars and ideas as we organize and plan for the remainder of the year, along with a sandwich/salad for your lunch. Drinks, snacks, and dessert will be provided. Friends are always welcome.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Brianna Hatter, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., Allen Vance, and Lyse Watson.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will resume on January 12.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist –
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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