

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY OF



December 15, 2019

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Ave Maris Stella variations 1-3

Marcel Dupré

When the Salutation Gabriel has Spoken

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mark & Jessica Fain

Leader: ... Let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Let us pray together.

People: Faithful God, we are glad for your promises to us.
We trust that the time is coming when all people
will experience comfort, wholeness and liberty. May
we do our part to bring your good news of great joy
to all. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

*HYMN NO. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Max Carter

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord of Light, in this season of Advent, as we gather in
anticipation of the coming of your glory,
we confess that we are driven by our doubts.

We only see what we choose to see.

We ignore the obvious signs of your presence.

We are drawn to the empty promises of false prophets.

Forgive us our sins we pray. Lead us back to your truth and
make us whole. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ we are given strength to face a new day.

People: In Christ we become fully awake, working for
God's kingdom.

Leader: In Christ we receive God's truth and mercy.

People: In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 23

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*THE PEACE

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

ANTHEM

Song of Mary

Faye López

*My soul exalts the Lord, my God,
and my spirit rejoices in praise to God my Savior,
for He has chosen me, the handmaid of the Lord.*

*Age to age, generations will call me bless'd,
for the favor the Mighty One has shown to His servant.
For He has honored me, the bond-slave of the Lord,*

*In His goodness, His kind compassion,
He sends the Promised One the vow to pay.*

*In remembrance of His great mercy,
The Holy One has done great things, great things for me,
great things for me. O magnify His holy name.*

*My soul magnifies the Lord, my God,
and my heart rejoices in praise to God, my Savior.
For He has chosen me, the bond-slave of the Lord. Amen.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

Are You the One? Rev. Sherard Edington



RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

*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

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn no. 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

*POSTLUDE *Ave Maris Stella – Finale (Amen)*

Marcel Dupré

WORSHIP NOTES – Participating in the service today are Chris Fullen,
violin and Abby Williams, soloist.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Honey Baked Ham, Broccoli Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

We will have a special visit from Santa.

Bring your wish list and your camera! Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation **by noon Tuesday**.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS needs volunteers to spend the night. Clothing and toiletry items are also needed. The sign-up sheet and list of needed items are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. This offering will be received next Sunday.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS on Sunday, December 22 at 4 p.m. at Baird Chapel at Cumberland University. Hosted by Episcopal Church of the Epiphany and First Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE – On Sunday, December 29, there will be one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School that day. The normal schedule will resume on January 5.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

All are welcome to attend our service of Lessons & Carols featuring the FPC Choir and guest musicians. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies.

Cookie donations are always appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:20 a.m. Children's Choir
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Santa Night
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Hands

ELDERS

Class of 2019

Jeff Campbell
David Foutch
Carol Turner
Scott Williams

Class of 2020

Pat Bone
Robin Orewiler
Wayne Patton

Class of 2021

Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

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Mary Margaret Farris
Sandra Weatherford
Blair Welser

Class of 2020

Sondra Bishop
Linda Gatlin

Class of 2021

Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Nursery

Preschool – 1st Grade

Elementary Class

Middle School Class

High School Class

Adult

Atypical Class

Cross Roads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

Women's Class

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