

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



December 22, 2019

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Noel 9 on the Flutes

Louis Claude d'Aquin

CHIMING THE HOUR

INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Simmons Family

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

People: God of Love, you have sent your Son as the light of the world. Even now that light is breaking in upon us.
May we reflect the light of your love, even as we wait for your coming. Amen.

Sing: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

*HYMN NO. 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Barbara Howell

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God of love, in this season of Advent, we rejoice that you come to us in the flesh. We confess that we ignore your visions and that we are afraid to take leaps of faith. We choose to conform to this world rather than comply with your will. We reject your presence and try to go it alone.
Forgive us of our many sins. Help us fulfill your call to be your agents of mercy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As we open our hearts to God, we are filled with the joy that was sung at the birth. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*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.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

WATCH IN EXPECTATION

Matthew 25:1-13

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

John W. Finney

Mark 1:1-8

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

arr. Simon Andrews

Luke 1:26-33

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. Hal Hopson

Luke 1:39-49

Sanctum Nomen

Margaret Rizza

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*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

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Noel 9 (fast section)

Louis Claude d'Aquin

*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

***CAROL SING**

HYMN 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

HYMN 27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;

There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.

HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

HYMN 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

***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**

Noel 8 "The Foreigner's Nowell" Louis Claude d'Aquin

WORSHIP NOTES – Participating in the service today are Katie Frazier, oboe; Anna Lisa Hoepfinger, violin; Alice Lloyd, cello; and Vicky Williams, French horn.



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

There will be no **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER** on December 25 or January 1 due to Christmas Break. We will resume regular meals with potluck covered dish on January 8.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of **Marilyn Halbert** on her death on December 15.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS will take place today at 4 p.m. at Baird Chapel at Cumberland University. Hosted by Episcopal Church of the Epiphany and First Presbyterian Church.

SANTA FOR SENIORS – This week, the gifts from FPC were delivered to SCAN (Sr. Citizens Action Network). Thank you to everyone who contributed to this program in large and small ways. Because of your support, twelve seniors in Wilson County will have a much more Merry Christmas.

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE – On Sunday, December 29, we will have 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	Wednesday
8:45 a.m. Worship	No Activities
9:45 a.m. Church School	Thursday
10:15 a.m. Children's Choir	No Activities
11:00 a.m. Worship	Friday
Monday	Saturday
Tuesday	7:00p.m. Compassionate Hands

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

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Preschool – 1st Grade

Elementary Class

Middle School Class

High School Class

Adult

Atypical Class

Cross Roads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

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