

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 (Come, Savior of the Nations) J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath Leighton Dodd, Morgan Hollister, David and Leighton Peters

***Hymn #13 Prepare the Way**

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord,
whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness.

All: **In Christ, we are made right with God; our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri** Hymn #23

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

***Affirmation of Faith** Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 (pew Bible OT, p. 889)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:1-6 (pew Bible NT, p. 60)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

"Imminent Danger Requires Urgent Action" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #12 People Look East**

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Prepare the Way Before Him

Thilo/Von Burck

*Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what'er offendeth This great, this heavenly Guest.
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.
Ye sons of men, oh, hearken: Your heart and mind prepare;
To hail the almighty Savior, O sinners, be your care.
He who of grace alone Our Life and Light was given,
The promised Lord from heaven, Unto our world is shown.
Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus, Turn not from me aside,
And grant that I receive Thee This blessed Advent-tide.
From stall and manger low Come Thou to dwell with-in me;
Loud praises will I sing Thee And forth Thy glory show.*

***Doxology** Hymn #592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #3 Comfort, Comfort You My People**

*Benediction

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Postlude Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers P. Manz

Worship Leader: Ygondine Creasy

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (off-site)
5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)

Monday, December 10

9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (off-site)
10:00 a.m. PW Horizon Circle (Officers' Room)
10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
11:15 a.m. PW General Meeting and Program (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Tuesday, December 11

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Officers' Room)
9:30 a.m. Young and Not So Young Breakfast (Betty Jo's home)
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
7:00 p.m. Cub Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 12

11:00 a.m. Holy Motion: Birthday Celebration for Jesus WDS (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, December 13

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Inclement Weather: Please call the church office and listen to the voicemail (384-6231) or view the web-site, www.fpclsy.org for the latest closing and cancellation information.

Members Helping Members for December: Elinor Ann Clark 386-3889 and Gail Kowalski 384-6058

Foyer Flowers are given to the glory God by the Presbyterian Women in memory of Kitty Snead, Ginny Mathias, Carolyn Phillips, Kitty Hobbs, Diana Wallace, Marge Wittschen, Anne Venable, Bertha Crockett, Marian Schuster, and Judy Howerton.

PW General Meeting/Brunch: General Meeting and Program, Dec. 10 at 11:15 a.m. with guest speaker Cory Whittier. This meeting will also be the installation of officers. Our program will be followed by a luncheon provided by the Horizon Circle in the Officers' Room.

Christmas Flowers: This Christmas, the Chancel Guild of First Presbyterian Church is requesting memorial flower donations in lieu of the purchase of poinsettias. If you would like to make a memorial contribution in memory of a loved one, your gift will be noted in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Sign-ups are available in the front entry.

Christmas Breakfast: Graciously hosted by the Landes & O'Brian families on Sunday, December 16 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!

Children's Christmas Service: Come celebrate the Christmas story on Sunday, December 16, during worship, with the children and families of FPCLY.

Alternative Giving: You can help share the joy of Christmas by giving to our mission partners of Sports Outreach in El Salvador, the people of Malawi, or hurricane victims in the Southeast through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Visit the table in the Foyer through December 16 for more information.

Christmas Eve Services at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.: At 5 p.m. we will celebrate the birth of our Savior with a family-friendly candlelight and communion service with carols. At 11 p.m. we will have a more traditional worship with candlelight and communion.

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclsy.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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