

# Children's Christmas Service

December 16, 2018

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a dwelling prepared for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Dendy Family

**Hymn #13: Prepare the Way** (Verse 1 only, seated)

### Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

### \*Hymn #31

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, our lives are filled with things we have done wrong and things we have left undone that you call us to do. We often forget our neighbor's needs and do not always love you above all else. We are sinful, and we need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world.**

### 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

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Hymn #23

### \*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

**Hymn #38** (seated)

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

**The Birth of Jesus Foretold:** *Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, and Narrator 1*

**Mary Visits Elizabeth:** *Narrator 1, Mary, and Elizabeth*

**The Birthday of Jesus:** *Narrator 1, Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, and Innkeeper's Wife*

**The Shepherds and the Angels:** *Shepherds 1 & 2, other Shepherds, Angel, and Animals*

**Children's Choir:**     **What Can I Give Him?**  
                                     **Away in a Manger**

**Jesus Is Presented in the Temple:** *Mary, Joseph, Narrator 2, Simeon, and Anna*

**Children's Choir:**     **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**The Visit of the Wise Men:** *Narrator 2, Mary, Joseph, Three Wise Men, and Angels*

### \*Hymn #40

**Joy to the World**

### Prayers of the People

### Call to Offering

#### Offertory

**People, Look East!**

K. Langlois

### \*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 #29

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

### \*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

**Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

R. A. Hobby

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### Worship Leaders:

*Narrators 1 & 2: Darby Byrne & Maggie Mays; Mary: Helen Sommardahl;  
Joseph: Will Kittrell; Gabriel: Rosa East, Elizabeth: Kathleen Lifsey;  
Innkeeper & Wife: Chad & Natalie McCain; Simeon & Anna: Paul & Rebecca Hensley;  
Angel: Caroline Shoemaker; other Angels: Lizzie Milam, Josie Milam, Addie Whittier, Julia Claiborne,  
Ella Grace Thompson, Bebe Barr, Sally Dawson, Meredith Borel, Lawson Bendall, Zoe Childress, Ben  
Thompson, Barkley Cleland, Gracie Adams, Lovie Adams, Paige Sittason and other K – 5<sup>th</sup>-Graders.  
Shepherds 1 & 2: Dylan Childress & Parker Sittason; Other Shepherds: Thomas Shoemaker, Althea  
O'Brian, Connor Claiborne, Cullen O'Brian, Alex Landes, and Charlie Landes;  
Animals: Sam Thompson, William East, Alden Howe, Abbie Ferrell, Lizzie Waller, William Cederholm,  
Sydnor Sexton, Luke Thompson and other Pre-K & Kindergarteners;  
Wisemen: Bax Wolanski, James McCain, and Maximillian Cederholm.*

*Many, many thanks to Kara Byrne, Bianca Childress, Kathy Lifsey, & Julie Brammer for their leadership.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Churchwide Christmas Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God  
6:30 p.m. High School Christmas Party (off-site)  
No KidMin and No Middle School Youth Group

### Monday, December 17

10:00 a.m. RESCHEDULED from 12/10: PW Horizon Circle (Officers' Room)  
10:00 a.m. RESCHEDULED from 12/10: PW Book Circle (Library)  
11:15 a.m. RESCHEDULED from 12/10: PW General Meeting and Program (Officers' Room)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)  
7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

### Tuesday, December 18

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)  
9:30 a.m. RESCHEDULED FROM 12/11: Young and Not So Young Breakfast (Betty Jo's home)  
6:00 p.m. Session Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, December 19

12:30 p.m. AI-Anon (Room 126)  
5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee (Library)

### Thursday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)  
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**Pastor on Call:** Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

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

**Church Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26.**

**Inclement Weather:** Please call the church office and listen to the voicemail (384-6231) or view the Web site, [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org) for the latest closing and cancellation information.

**Cover Art Work** created by Brady Byrne, Darby Byrne, William Cederholm, William East, James McCain, Jeb Milam, Cullen O'Brian, Caroline Shoemaker, Thomas Shoemaker.

**Rosebud:** on the baptismal font is in celebration of the birth of Wyatt Brooks Graves, born October 2, 2018. His parents are Eric Graves and Ashley Hill. Grandparents are Laura Hill, Joe Hill, Marie Claire Graves and the late Melvin Graves. Great-grandparents are Stuart Best and the late Douglas Best.

**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. Today is your last day to visit the table in the foyer for alternative giving.

**Last Call! Jericho Toy Barrel:** Jericho Baptist Missionary Chapel helps to facilitate the donation of toys for under-served children (ages 1 to 14). There is a toy barrel located in the Foyer. Donations will be accepted through December 18.

**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.

### Year End Reminders from the Business Office:

**Electronic Contributions:** Contribution information for gifts by credit card or draft of your checking account need to be given to Lori Wright by **December 21** for credit to the 2018 Tax Year.

Make your **stock gift transfers right away**. This will allow time for the gifts to be transferred to our accounts and for proceeds to be received by year-end.

**2018 Contributions Deadline:** Contributions *received in the office by close of business December 31*, or **postmarked by** December 31, will be posted to contribution statements for the 2018 tax year.

**Expense Reimbursements:** Please submit any requests for reimbursement of 2018 budget-year expenses by December 27. Any checks written after December 31 will be charged to the 2019 budget. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Lori Wright in the Business Office.

\*\*\*Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org), the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.\*\*\*