

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things that hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder 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 599 (Come, Savior of the Nations) J. S. Bach

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Nowlin Family

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

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

**\*Hymn #2** **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

### CELEBRATING BAPTISM

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Aubrey Ann-Catherine Pacot  
Parents: Katie Falwell and Breon Pacot  
Elders: Caskie Giles and Alison Sigler

#### Presentation

#### Questions to the Parents and Congregation

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

#### Act of Baptism and Introduction of Aubrey

#### Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Aubrey has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Aubrey into Christ's church to share with us in her ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support Aubrey, and her parents Katie and Breon, to share the good news of the gospel with Aubrey, and to help her know and follow Christ.**

**\*Hymn #304** **Jesus Loves Me!**

*Following the baptism, children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a (pew Bible OT, p. 865)  
**New Testament Lesson:** Luke 1:39-45 (pew Bible NT, p. 57)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**"One Giant Leap For Mankind"** Chad McCain

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn #5** **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** Hymnal, pg. 14

#### Prayers of the People

#### Call to Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Song of Mary

M. T. Winter

*My soul gives glory to my God, My heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness In many marvelous ways.  
My God has done great things for me: Yes, holy is this Name.  
All people will declare me blessed, And blessings they shall claim.  
From age to age to all who fear, Such mercy love imparts,  
Dispensing justice far and near, Dismissing selfish hearts.  
Love casts the mighty from their thrones, Promotes the insecure,  
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied; The rich seem suddenly poor.  
Praise God, whose loving covenant Supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises With present faithfulness.*

**\*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 #44** **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

#### \*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

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, December 23

9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
No Run/Walk with God, KidMin, or Youth Groups

### Monday, December 24

#### Church Offices Closed

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Family-friendly)  
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Traditional)

### Tuesday, December 25

#### Merry Christmas!

#### Church Offices Closed

### Wednesday, December 26

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12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford)

### Thursday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)  
11:45 a.m. WC Luncheon (Fauber Room)

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**Pastor on Call:** Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

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

**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.

**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.

**Ordination and Installation of Elder-Elect Class of 2021:** On January 6, 2019, First Presbyterian's new class of Elders will be ordained and installed during worship. All are encouraged to come worship God and be a part of this celebration, with Al Baker, Jennifer Clark, Caskie Giles, Jamie Moss, Chal Nunn, Katie Sommardahl, Diane Stroud, Bill Wescott, Donna Whitehouse, and Emily Wolanski.

**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.

#### Pledges

Please contact Lori Wright if

- You have not completed your **2018 pledge** and have any questions about the balance outstanding.
- You have not turned in a pledge for 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Lori Wright in the Business Office at 384-6231 or [lori@fpclly.org](mailto:lori@fpclly.org).

#### Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Adam Wood Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Johnston

In Memory of Marjorie Wittschen, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Englander

In Memory of Bertha Crockett, Becca Dion

In Memory of Scott Reams, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Leslie

In Memory of Scott Reams, Mr. & Mrs. Leighton Dodd

In Memory of Scott Reams, Mr. & Mrs. Blitz James

In Memory of Scott Reams, Yvonne Horton

In Memory of Scott Reams, Gail Humphrey

In Memory of Scott Reams, Coley, Eubank & Company

In Memory of Scott Reams, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cobb

In Memory of Scott Reams, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nexsen

\*\*\*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.\*\*\*



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