

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Saving God, let us who seek redemption in this day prepare our hearts, that we may believe the good news of Jesus, receive the light of salvation, and live according to your word. Amen.

Prelude **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** D. Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 148:1, 12-13

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens.

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

All: whose name alone is exalted above the earth and heaven. Alleluia!

***Hymn #56** **The First Nowell**

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of love, all year long we are tempted by power and money, yet you come in weakness. All season long we covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your transforming love. Through Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**All: In Christ, we 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

Beth Williams

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 years old through 2nd 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 148 (pew Bible OT, p. 582)

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (pew Bible NT, p. 201)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"A Well Dressed Congregation" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #49** **Once in Royal David's City**

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory **In Dulci Jubilo** D. Wood

***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 **Angels We Have Heard on High** R. Elliott

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL The Two-Cents-a-Meal offering is an invitation to assist in the hunger needs of others within our local community. Offering baskets will be available at the doors as you exit the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, December 30

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 2

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
5:30 p.m. Service and Outreach Committee (Officers' Room)

Thursday, January 3

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.fpclly.org, for the latest closing and cancellation information.

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

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw 528-1927 and Sally DeNiord 384-8153

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.

KidMin & Youth Groups will resume Sunday, January 6 at their normal times and locations.

New Spiritual Growth Class: "At the Plate" – Beginning in January, Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. (Chapel). A spiritual growth opportunity for adults who wish to explore a variety of topics, beginning with *"Does what you wear matter? (Character)."* Teacher: Rev. Peter Thompson.

Who's on First? For those who have joined in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in joining FPC, this class offers an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the church, how to get involved, polity, and what "Worship +2" means. This New Members' Class will meet Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m., February 3 through February 24 in the Officers' Room.

How Does Your Garden Grow?: Men's Fellowship – Wednesday, January 9 from 6-8 p.m. \$10 for dinner (Fellowship Hall). The program will be led by Master Gardner Susan Timmons and will begin at 7 p.m. Please sign up on the table just off the Foyer by January 7.

We need a hand or two: We are actively looking for volunteers to help greet visitors, assist with answering the phone, and perform some administrative tasks during the week. Shifts are 9 a.m. – noon and noon – 3 p.m. We ask volunteers to be available for one or two shifts per month. Training is provided. Please contact Karen Saul at 384-6231 if interested or at office@fpclly.org.

Thank you: to the Chancel Guild for the beautiful floral arrangements and decorations during the holiday season and throughout the year!

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.

2019 Contribution Envelopes: For those who requested envelopes, they will be available in the Foyer to pick up now and throughout January.

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

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



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