

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Madrigal* Vierne

Words of Welcome Hugo Sandoval

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19)*

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to king's son.

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

People: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

* Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

* Prayer of Confession Nick Reed

God of righteousness and justice: before you, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them—we are the ones who must repent. From greed, violence, and systems that oppress, Lord, help us turn. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare your way. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-10

Second Lesson Romans 15: 4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *From a Distant Home* Hopson

Children's Message

Nick Reed

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3: 1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Trees Of Christmas"

Dr. Cheetham

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith

from the Westminster Confession

Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

* Hymn 12

People, Look East

BESANCON

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Once He Came In Blessing

Manz

* Doxology

Hymn 592

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude

O Thou of God the Father

Bach

Lay Reader:

Hugo Sandoval

Officer Training: Officer Training for new Elders and Deacons will be held on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. New Elders and Deacons, please make plans to attend.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	Secrets Workshop
	6:15 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting

	7:15 pm	Session Meeting
Monday	9:30 am	Morning Sewing Group
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
	4:00 pm	Knitting Group
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	70	Offering	\$ 7,333.15
Sunday School	48	Weekly Need	5,185.00
Sanctuary Service	85	Through Oct	189,836.68
Hanging of Greens	80		

The Church Session

Pat Climer, Clerk of Session

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanus

2009

Richard Hartwell
Richard Pellerin
Mary E. Hofstetter
Roy Wauford

The Board of Deacons

Lesley Jacobson, Moderator

Loyce Bradshaw
James Herren
Lesley Jacobson
Karen Jump

Doug Bone
Jennifer Breland
Faye Brown
Becky Burris

Judy Denney
David Foutch
Judy Leonard
Justin Taylor

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

Please make reservations by noon on Tuesday.

“Santa Night”

The Mt. Juliet Girls Choir, under the direction of
Branson Clark, will also present a program.

Prayer Concerns

Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Keri Fitts
Jerry Gray	Archie McKinnes	Debbie McClure
Maclynn Crawford	Elizah Patterson	Johnny Keel
Al Johnson	Carey Mathis	Sara Thompson
Ronnie Walsworth	Ricky Lambert	Irene Campbell
Debbie Sharp	Claudine Prowell	Linda Wills
Debbie York	Deborah Sindorf	Sherry Arnold
Ruth Reeves	David Freeman	Kathy Eckler
Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman	Mary H. Averitt
Racheal Dugger	Deborah Dugger	Hazel Williams
Peggy Marion	Marcia Williams	Brenda Barnes (NC)
Marjorie Nabbe	Susan Beeler	Earl Campbell
Max Taylor	Eddie Watters	Phillip Robertson
Mechelle Bass	Nancy Gamble	Judy French
Thayer & Alice Smith	David Grandstaff	Nita Taylor
Mac McVicker	Joanne McCanles	Nancy Cook
Taylor Holweger	Robert Nabbe	Margaret Rigsby
Francis Lanus	Kendall Higgins	Barbara Greenamyier
Bob Taylor	Carol Daglish	Billie Marks
Gary Wix	Doris Newman	Rodney Haskins

Military

Chris Bowhannan	Jason Nolley	Lee Smith
Jaymon Bell	David Midgett	Brian Reeve
Kevin Alseys	Noah Evans	Jason Redmon
Luke Baker	Matthew Humes	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	Kyle Flanagan	Mike Matthys
Michael O'Neil	Scott Bass	Kyle Kaker
Stewart Beaumont		

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
Nicholas Reed, Associate Pastor
Gary Scott, Organist
Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Branson Clark, Music Director
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Tracey Hay, Treasurer
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director

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Lighting of the Advent Candle Karen Hall and Kristin

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Scripture Reading

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Caroling: Everyone is invited to go caroling on Sunday, December 16th. Both singers and non-singers are needed. After caroling, refreshments will be served to the residents. We need donations of cookies and baked goods for this event. Please meet at the church by 4:00 p.m. if you would like to participate. Afterwards, we will go out for a fellowship meal. For more information, please call the church office.

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