

# FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

SECOND  
SUNDAY OF

*Advent*



December 6, 2020

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 6, 2020

*Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Magnificat*

Diedrich Buxtehude

*Once He Came in Blessing*

J.S. Bach

*Chorale arrangements in canonic and fugal form*

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Grant

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Cayman & Quinn Welser

Leader: ... Loving God, come and shine your love in our world! Let us pray together.

People: (unison) God of Peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world. May we prepare for that day by working together in your holy name. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

HYMN NO. 1

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

STUTTGART

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(from Luke 1:46-55)

God our Savior, despite our numerous faults, you continue to look on us with your favor.

You are merciful while we are callous.

You are strong while we gravitate toward bullies.

You are just while we claim everything for ourselves.

Forgive us and lead us each day to become your humble servants. Help us to magnify your holy presence to this hungry world so that all may savor your glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Renewed and made whole, we see the path God has prepared for us—

the way of peace, the way of hope,  
the way of grace, the way of service.

People: May we be so bold as to follow that path.

Leader: Hear the word of the prophet: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

People: This is the good news of our forgiveness.  
Thanks be to God!

**GLORIA**

Hymn No. 23

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;**Gloria in excelsis Deo.***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**ANTHEM***Comfort Ye, My People*

Mark Schweizer

**THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,  
 the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.  
 Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,  
 and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:46-55

**SERMON***The World Is About to Turn*

Michael Schulte

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
 the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
 Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
 the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
 heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER****DOXOLOGY**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION****INVITATION****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

**HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.*

*Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.*

*And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,*

*You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.*

*Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.*

*The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:*

*God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.*

*This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)*

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn 44

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.*

*No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,*

*Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

## POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

December 16, 6:00 p.m.

*Honeybaked Ham & Rolls, Twice Mashed Potatoes,  
Broccoli Casserole, Eggnog Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office by Friday,  
December 11 at (615) 444-1360.

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CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS – Poinsettias will once again decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve worship service. If you would like to purchase a plant as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please call or email the church office. The list of dedicated plants will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20. The cost of each poinsettia is \$16. The deadline to place an order is Monday, December 14.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – Due to the continuing coronavirus situation, Compassionate Hands will use only two shelters this winter. The women will be housed at The Glade Church and the men will use a facility on N. College Street that Compassionate Hands is purchasing. We will continue to provide bedding, breakfast, and do the laundry for the women on Saturday nights. We will also contribute to the food pantry that will be used for daily lunches. To volunteer with this vital community outreach, contact the church office.

Volunteers are needed to handle the laundry for the week of December 19 and 26. Please call the office to volunteer.

## YOUTH

Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –No youth activities this week.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Friday

### Saturday

## ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	

## DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – John Foutch  
Budget & Finance –  
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell  
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck  
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson  
Outreach – Robin Orewiler  
Personnel – Suanne Bone  
Worship – Pat Bone

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – J. D. Plant  
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Brown  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

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