

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent 11:00 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Max Carter, Courtney Hall and family

Leader: ... Let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
Let us pray together.

People: God, in whom we hope, we wait for your coming to us once again. Strengthen us as we wait, so that we will not lack any spiritual gift. Help us to stay awake to the signs of your coming. Amen.

Sing: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

\*HYMN NO. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,  
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge this world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news. Jesus came to save sinners.  
May we be dead to sin and alive to God.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 23

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## 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 Isaiah 2:1-5

*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.*

ANTHEM *Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling* Richard Shepherd

*Hark! a herald voice is calling: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!:"*

*Wakened by the solemn warning, Let her earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.*

*Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n;  
Let us haste with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiv'n.*

*So when next he comes in glory, Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heav'n appear.*

*And with words of love draw near.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Michael Schulte

SERMON *The Mountain of Peace* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 505 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* ST. FLAVIAN

\*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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Roger Price

\*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

(Please hold the elements until all are served)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 3 *Comfort, Comfort You My People* PSALM 42

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

*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

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## 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 4, 6:00 p.m.

#### *Covered Dish*

After dinner, everyone is invited to help hang Christmas ornaments on the tree. To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Gordon Bone.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS will begin Saturday, December 7. Volunteers are needed to spend the night and to do laundry. Clothing and toiletry items are also needed. The sign-up sheet and list of needed items are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

SANTA FOR A SENIOR – The deadline for donations is Monday, December 9. The boxes will be delivered to SCAN that day.

WREATH MAKING will take place Friday morning, December 6 starting at 9:00 a.m. Join us to assemble wreaths to decorate each door of the church for Christmas. Donations of magnolia leaves, berries, etc. are welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – A memorial service for Georgeann Ahles will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m.

## YOUTH

Middle School – Wednesday 6 pm: Comedy Improv

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>
8:45 a.m. Worship		6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m. Church School		6:00 p.m. Middle Sch. Youth
11:00 a.m. Worship		6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
12:00 p.m. Adult SS Teachers		<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Monday</b>		9:00 a.m. Preschool
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:30 p.m. Praise Team
9:00 a.m. Preschool		<b>Friday</b>
		<b>Saturday</b>
		6:00 p.m. Compassionate Hands

**Class of 2019**  
Jeff Campbell  
David Foutch  
Carol Turner  
Scott Williams

**Class of 2019**  
Jonathan Bouton  
Mary Margaret Farris  
Sandra Weatherford  
Blair Welser

## ELDERS

**Class of 2020**  
Pat Bone  
Robin Orewiler  
Wayne Patton

**Class of 2020**  
Sondra Bishop  
Linda Gatlin

**Class of 2021**  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

**Class of 2021**  
Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – John Foutch  
Budget & Finance –  
Buildings and Grounds – David Foutch  
Christian Education – Wayne Patton  
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson  
Outreach – Robin Orewiler  
Personnel – Jeff Campbell  
Worship – Carol Turner

## 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

<b>Children</b>	<b>Adult</b>
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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**Keyboards at Christmas**  
Sunday December 8