

# FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Advent*



December 19, 2021

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 19, 2021 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Bouton Family

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

People: God of love, you have sent your Son as the light of the world. Even now that light is breaking in upon us. May we reflect the light of your love, even as we wait for your coming. Amen.

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

\*HYMN NO. 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God of love, in this season of Advent, we rejoice that you come to us in the flesh. We confess that we ignore your visions and that we are afraid to take leaps of faith. We choose to conform to this world rather than comply with your will. We reject your presence and try to go it alone.

Forgive us of our many sins. Help us fulfill your call to be your agents of mercy. 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.

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## 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

Matthew 1:18-25

*"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*

### ANTHEM

*The Angel Gabriel*

arr. Richard Shephard

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
All hail, said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

### SERMON

*Isolation*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN NO. 53

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

### \*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

#### \*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### SENDING FORTH

#### HYMN 31

#### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

#### HYMN 36

#### *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

*In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.*

#### HYMN 37

#### *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

#### HYMN 41

#### *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn no. 44

*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

## 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

**WE WELCOME** Shelia Pugh as our guest organist today. Shelia is a member of the Nashville Chapter of AGO and provides music for churches all over Middle Tennessee as a substitute organist. She served as the Principal Organist at a large Catholic church for 27 years.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for the food and many calls, texts, cards, and prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay. – Ida Mason

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** – We will receive the Christmas Joy offering today. This special offering of PCUSA supports our church leaders - past, present, and future – and their families when they need financial assistance.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE** – On Sunday, December 26, there will be one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School that day. The normal schedule will resume on January 2.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Brianna Hatter, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., Allen Vance, and Lyse Watson.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:00 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

All are welcome to attend our service of Lessons & Carols featuring the FPC Choir and guest musicians. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies.

Cookie donations are always appreciated.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) – Thank you to all who joined us at our Christmas party! Youth group will be on winter break until Wednesday, January 12.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	<b>Thursday</b>
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Monday</b>		7:00 p.m. Candlelight
<b>Tuesday</b>		Worship Service
Noon	Staff Christmas lunch	<b>Saturday</b>

## ELDERS

Class of 2021  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves

## DIACONATE

Class of 2021  
Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022  
Jack Emmert  
Marilyn Peyton  
Laura Simmons  
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

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

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist –  
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**  
Nursery  
Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elementary Class  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class  
Women's Class

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