

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



December 20, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 20, 2020 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Pastorale

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Pat Bone and Suanne Bone

Leader: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!
(to congregation) Let us pray together.

People: (unison) 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. 11 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

GEBEN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Glory, you are above all things and yet we confess that
we fail to praise your heavenly name.

We are more concerned with our own comfort than in
following you. We ignore the signs of your presence.

We dismiss your good news as being good.

Forgive us our many sins. Help us echo the songs of the angels
as we prepare ourselves for the coming of your holy kingdom.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

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

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!*

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 2:8-20

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!*

SERMON

Teach Us to Pray: Angels

Rev. Sherard Edington

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 59 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* CHRISTMAS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 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

Swiss Noel

Louis Claude d'Aquin



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

A Service of Lessons and Carols **7:00 P.M.**

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

SUNDAY DRIVE – On Sunday, January 3, at 12:30 p.m., hop into your car and head over to the church for a **Sunday Drive**. We are going to create a caravan of cars to drive to the homes of several church members and wave and shout hello. It should last less than an hour and will be great fun.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE—At its meeting on Sunday, the Session determined that it would be unwise for our church to host an in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This decision was made in response to the rapidly increasing cases of COVID-19 in Wilson County. The Christmas Eve service will be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday the 24th.



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YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) –Youth Group will resume on January 20.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Online Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Friday

Office closed

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2020
Pat Bone
Robin Orewiler
Wayne Patton
Kim Wall

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Becky Burris
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

DIACONATE

Class of 2020
Sondra Bishop
Marty Bone
Linda Gatlin
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

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

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
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Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
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Outreach – Robin Orewiler
Personnel – Suanne Bone
Worship – Pat Bone

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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
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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