

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder of the Day - Duane Moon
♦ Liturgist - Jean-Paul Marshall
** Deacon - Ashley Neece
Acolyte - Campbell Futrell

THE NEED TO KNOW PAGE

Today's Schedule

10:15 a.m. - Refreshments and Fellowship in the hall near the old kitchen
11:00 a.m. - Combined Christmas Day Service

Monday

Church Office is CLOSED

Wednesday Night Live is on Christmas Break (will resume January 11, 2017)

Friday

Church Office is CLOSED

Next Sunday—January 1

10:15 a.m. - Refreshments and Fellowship in the hall near the old kitchen
11:00 a.m. - Combined New Year's Day Service

We are still receiving **commitments for 2017** through December 31. A blank financial card and time/talent commitment folder is available in each pew in the pew rack nearest the center aisle. You may place them in the offering plate during the Reception of Tithes and Offerings.

Year-end giving—Contributions to be recorded in the year 2016 may be made directly to the church office through Thursday, December 29, or mailed, with a postmark by December 31, or of course, using the electronic options of giving through the website, or by text.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God! The service begins inside.*

VOLUNTARY *Angels We Have Heard on High* Wayne Wold

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Luke 2:10-11*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Behold I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord..

INTROIT *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Polish Folk Melody
Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 113 *Angels, We Have Heard on High*

SCRIPTURE READING ♦ (*Pew Bible, p. 91 NT*) John 1:1-14

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER (*Hymn 115, v 3*) *Be Near Me, Lord Jesus*

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay

close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ♦

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Participants older than pre-school may return to sit with their families. **There is no Godly Play today.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING #

OFFERTORY *Once In Royal David's City* Robert Buckley Farlee

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM *He Is Born* arr. Robert A. Hobby
Chancel Choir

SERMON *What Has Just Happened?* Harry C. Meissner

*HYMN 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Robert A. Hobby
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Sing We Now of Christmas* Richard Hudson

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.