

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent HOPE

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. - Decorate for Christmas (All hands on deck)

### Monday, November 29

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 4

TBD - L.I.F.E. Youth - Christmas Village at PCHAS

### Sunday, December 5, Communion-2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

### Monday, December 6

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle  
7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

### Wednesday, December 8

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Joint Officer's Meeting in the sanctuary

### Sunday, December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - LOVE

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant followed by refreshments and a visit from Santa

### Monday, December 13

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 15

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Saturday, December 18

TBD - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders - Wreaths Across America

### Sunday, December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent - JOY

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service and Cantata  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

### Wednesday, December 22

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

### Sunday, December 26 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (only one service)  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

### Monday thru Friday, December 27 through 31

Church Office will have abbreviated hours, if you need to make a year end contribution, please call first.



We will be sending a check to Sharing Life to help them with their Christmas giving. Sharing Life plans to bless 100 families by helping with not only Christmas food and toy needs, but by providing housing and utility assistance, too! FPC Mesquite will be accepting monetary donations in the offering plate, online or via snail mail to the church. Our **deadline is Sunday, December 12, 2021**. You may also go to their website and purchase gifts via Amazon, if so inclined.



Help the FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your left with your smartphone camera to make a donation online or visit [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/TX00524P](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/TX00524P)  
**The Wreaths are \$15 each. November 30** is the last day to submit your donation.

**Thank You!**

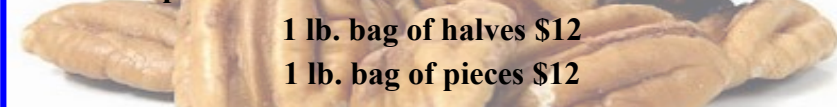
### Alleluia Chimes

All Youth and Children over the age of 5 are invited to participate in a Young People's Chime Choir for a special presentation. This will take place on Sunday, January 9 at both services. Practices will take place at 9:30 and end at 10:00 AM on each Sunday until we present. You will be dismissed in time for Sunday School. Masks to be worn during rehearsals and performance.

*It's not too late to participate.*

### The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the narthex and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase after the worship service concludes.



1 lb. bag of halves \$12

1 lb. bag of pieces \$12



### THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our current total for November is **173 items**. Thank you to all for your continued support.

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

## NOVEMBER 28, 2021

John 8:12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

*World English Bible, public domain.*

*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, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Veni, Veni* arr. Chip Davis

INTROIT *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Charles P. Price  
(11:00) Chancel Choir (vs 1)

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Isaiah 40:3;*  
*Jeremiah 33:14a,15*

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

#### And also to you.

A voice cries: In the Wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE  
(8:45) Sue Bohmer and Dr. Carol Stephenson,  
(11:00) The Villafana Family

\*HYMN 88 (vs. 1-3) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, or trusted Your Good News to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth, and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

\*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time of Advent, open our minds that we may find Your Hope as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 8:12-20*

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on My own behalf, My testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent Me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on My own behalf, and the Father who sent Me testifies on my behalf." Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor my Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also." He spoke these words while He was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because His hour had not yet come.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Doughton

Children are asked to remain seated at this time.

\*HYMN 109 *Blest Be the God of Israel*

SERMON *I Am the Light of the World* Rev. Doughton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*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.**

\*HYMN 88 (vs. 4-7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* John W Work II  
(11:00) Chancel Choir (vs.1)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds keep their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

\*VOLUNTARY *Coventry Carol* arr. Charles Lindberg

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Paula Kusewitt (8:45); Kay Alvarez (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - David Howard,

Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey, and Eric Schwartz

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Jessica Herring and Michael Gonzalez in honor of their wedding.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries

Ryoji Shimpo, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus