

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

*We want to thank the following people who provided Christmas flowers for our worship services.*

Rick and Gwenda Aber in honor of our children  
Rick and Gwenda Aber in memory of our sweet niece, Ashley Nicole Aber  
Rick and Gwenda Aber in memory of our beloved son, David Jason Smith  
Debbie Aynes in memory of James Aynes  
Debbie Aynes in memory of Margaret Simpson  
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our parents, Debbie Aynes, DiAnna Greer, and Clarence and Brenda Greer  
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in memory of our father, James Aynes  
Lee Barnhart in memory of my beloved wife, Sara Barnhart  
Anita Campbell in memory of my parents, Virginia and Bill Campbell  
Thomas Crawford in memory of my parents, Avil and May Crawford  
Thomas Crawford in memory of my paternal grandmother, Ida Topple Crawford  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory R.J. Farmer, D. D. S., Karen Dixon and our parents  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones and Mary Lee Doughton and family  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and FPC staff  
Kirk Dixon in honor of my lovely wife, Susan.  
Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in honor of Leila Doughton, Jack MacMillan, Dallas and Lynda Ward, Mary St. Claire Doughton, and Bennett Doughton  
Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton  
Roger Foltz in honor of Scott and Amanda Foltz  
Roger Foltz in memory of Mary Evelyn Fladness  
Debra Ford in memory of my cousin, Chanele Brunet  
Debra Ford in memory of all my family members who died of Covid  
Doug and Jan Fort in memory of our son, Adam Fort. He left us too soon.  
Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke  
Linda Fricke in memory of Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill, Hazel Gates and Lisa Fricke  
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of The Mission Committee  
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of The Session  
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of The Presbyterian Women  
Brenda and Clarence Greer as a gift to the church  
Brandon and Adrienne Hall in memory of Sally Sparkman  
Brandon and Adrienne Hall in memory of Gary Huchison  
Mike Hill in memory of Carolyn Hill  
Mike Hill in memory of Billie Hill  
David Howard in memory of Joshua Howard  
David Howard in memory of Dawna Howard  
Gerald and Cindy Jenkins in memory of Beth and Henry Skidmore and Alaine and Don Smith  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of Jones Doughton and Family  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the ministry of Tom and Nicki Wilbanks  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of Renee Stormer  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in memory of Jim Sheppard  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the Mesquite Police Department and the FPC Safety Team  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our parents and families, with love  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our church staff – thank you for all you do!  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our Pastor Emeritus Dr. Tom Wilbanks and in memory of Nickie Wilbanks for their many years of service to our church  
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents – with love and treasured memories  
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake  
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner  
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith  
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of our mother, Estalene Marshall  
Paul and Sue Luce in memory of Robert Luce and Edwin and Agnes Carr  
Sheryl Miller in honor of my siblings, Karen and Randy Harris, David Williams,

and Mark and Barbara Williams  
Sheryl Miller in memory of our parents, Ben and Mary Williams  
Don Neece in memory of Sue Neece  
Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanby and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robinson  
Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mrs. Betty Scott and Kathy Scott Krajca  
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory Carolyn Hill and Dan Fricke  
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of Jeanette Schwartz and Robert Schwartz  
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of my beloved husband of 66 years, Rev. James “Jim” R. Sheppard, Jr.  
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our first-born son, Mark Stephen Sheppard and his wife Mary Katherine.  
Hope L. Sheppard with pride and joy for my family. Psalm 133:1  
Hope L. Sheppard with pride and love for my first great-granddaughter, Zoey Norma Sheppard, born January 31, 2021.  
Hope L. Sheppard in honor of the future marriage of Hope Elizabeth Sheppard-Mahaffey and Theodore “Teddy” Cooper on April 30, 2022, in Tulsa, OK  
Hope L. Sheppard with love and prayers for my dear friend and teacher, Cora Dugan  
Hope L. Sheppard with loving appreciation to my hairstylist, Rikki Ames, who gifted me with a 92-pound King German Shepherd, Willow Ruby  
Hope L. Sheppard with love and care for my precious dear friend, McKenna White  
Ann Smith in honor of Brianne and Jeremy, and Megan and Justin  
Ann Smith in honor of Smith & Dylan  
Ann Smith in memory of Pat Smith  
Ann Smith in memory of Nicholas Seth  
Ron Smith in honor of my dad, Roland Smith  
Ron Smith in memory of my mom, Neta Smith  
Paul F. Snyder in memory of my mother, Lillie Larsen Snyder  
David and Renee Stormer in memory of Renee’s mom, Glenda Duncan  
George Venner in memory of Pat Venner  
Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of the Wards  
Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of the Carlsons  
Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty  
Beverlee Witty in memory of Georgia Baker  
Beverlee Witty in memory of Bruce Baker

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### 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.

### Sunday, Jan 2 - Ordain and Install new church officers

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (only one service)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

### Tuesday, Jan 4

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

### Wednesday, Jan 5

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

## THOSE WHO SERVE

E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries

Ryoji Shimpo, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 24, 2021

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



*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. Large print hymnals or hymn sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Traditions of Christmas* Mannheim Steamroller

\*INTROIT *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Chancel Choir arr. Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens every load.

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### And also with you.

For unto us a Child is born, for unto us a Son is given, authority rests upon His shoulder, and He is named, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.

\*CAROL #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Please remain standing for the lighting of the Christ candle.*

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

5:00 p.m. - Madison Villafana & Schyler Martin  
7:00 p.m. - John & Paula Kusewitt

*Rev Doughton:* The Christ candle is lit. We have watched; we have waited in hope, for peace, for love, and for joy. Now our redemption draws near!

*Congregation:* **For unto us a child has been born, unto us a son is given; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and His kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!**

### WELCOME

\*CAROL #124 *Still, Still, Still*

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 11:1-9*

\*CAROL #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-25*

ANTHEM *David's Royal City* Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth,  
our Savior holy.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by, go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the ever lasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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, the dear Christ enters in.

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:1-7*

\*CAROL #115 *Away in a Manger*

SCRIPTURE READING *John 11:25; 1:14-18*

ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Chancel Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"

SERMON *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us*  
Reverend Dr. E. Jones Doughton

\*CAROL #145 *What Child Is This*

### A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

### 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.**

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam, arr. R. Shimp

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, Who came to save us from our sins. We thank You for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank You that in Jesus You became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to You for Your grace-filled love. Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings, now and forever. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

\*CAROL *Silent Night* arr. Preston Keys  
Stephen Leake, guitarist

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord, at thy birth.

***Please stand\* for the last verse.***

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*At the conclusion of the service, please exit the sanctuary quietly row by row through the narthex doors. You are encouraged to greet one another when you are outside the sanctuary.*

If you provided a **poinsettia** for the sanctuary,  
please feel free to take it home after this service.

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Deacon/Ushers

@ 5:00 p.m. -Nick Scholl,

Eric Schwartz, David Howard and Gina Villafana

@7:00 p.m. - Nick Scholl,

Terri Bragg and Brittany Hammer