

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, December 26 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

Sunday, Jan 9 - Communion

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Wednesday, Jan 12

6:30 p.m. - New Year Service for Healing and Wholeness

7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Saturday, Jan 15

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Officer Training

Sunday, Jan 16

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Tuesday, Jan 18

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 19

6:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, Jan 23

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast and Prayer

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Monday, Jan 24

6:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Sisters in Christ

The next Women's Retreat will be this Spring, March 25-27, 2022. It will be held at the Hoblitzelle Camp and Conference Center in Midlothian, TX. *Please post the date to your calendar and let us know if you are interested in attending.* All women are welcome to attend.

There are forms in the Welcome Center, please pick one up and fill it out. The deposit is only \$25 and the remaining amount (\$95) will not be due until the first of March.

On Sunday, January 2, there will be members of the Women's Retreat committee in the Welcome Center before and after the worship service, you may turn in your form and deposit at that time. We hope you will join us!

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 total for December is currently **163** cans.

Thank you to all who continue to bless this mission work.

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

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

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 26, 2021



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 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Noreen Lienhard

INTROIT *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Richard Storrs Willis
(11:00) Chancel Choir (vs 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

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

And also to 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.

*HYMN 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*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 #

ANTHEM *Worship Christ, the Newborn King* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Child in the manger, Infant of Mary, outcast and stranger, Lord of all.
Child who in her its all our transgressions,
all our demerits on Him fall.

Let us worship and adore Him. Christ is born, hear the angels sing!

Join with shepherds who kneel before Him;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne.

Worthy of all our praises; happy forever are His own.

Let us worship and adore Him. Christ is born, hear the angels sing!

Join with shepherds who kneel before Him, before Him;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

This, this is Christ the King, who shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time, open our minds that we may find Your Hope, open our spirits that we may find Your peace, open our hearts that we might find Your love, open our wills that we might find Your joy as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 1:29-34*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the One Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the One Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *John 10:11, 14*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Doughton
Children are asked to remain seated at this time.

*HYMN 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

SERMON *I Am the Good Shepherd* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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 134 *Joy to the World*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* John W Work II
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 *Joy to the World* arr. Chip Davis

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Kay Alvarez (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers - David Howard,
Bryan Sanders and Nick Scholl**

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