

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Love

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Costumes for Program distributed at S.S.)
5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program (Rehearsal @ 4:45 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. - Refreshments and a visit from Santa

Monday, December 12

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 17

8:30 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders (meet at church) will lay wreaths with Wreaths Across America at DFW National Cemetery.

Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Joy

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Cantata by Chancel Choir
No Youth Bells Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Monday, December 19

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Friday, December 23

Church Office is Closed

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. - One Worship Service

Monday, December 26

Church Office is Closed

Tuesday - Friday Dec 27 to 30

Church Office will have abbreviated hours. If you need to make a year end contribution, please call for an appointment.

Sunday, January 1 - New Years Day

11:00 a.m. - One Worship service

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

Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our beautiful daughters, MacKenzie & Adeline
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in memory of our father, James Aynes
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our parents, Clarence and Brenda Greer, Debbie Aynes, and DiAnna Greer
Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in memory of our grandparents, James and Clara Aynes, Hose and Margaret Simpson, Clarence and Mary Greer, and Ernie and Jess Ann Tolle
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of the Church Staff
Mary E Boyce in memory of Tom L. Barnard
Mary E Boyce in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard
Chancel Choir in memory of Kayoko Shimpō, mother of Ryoji Shimpō
Sharon Condarco in memory of my son, Christopher Petton
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 Dallas and Lynda Ward, Leila B. Doughton, and Jack MacMillan
Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton
Rich and Barbara Follansbee in memory of our parents, Dick and Betty Follansbee
Rich and Barbara Follansbee in memory of our parents, Hue and Fran Hightower
Roger Foltz in honor of Scott and Amanda Foltz, Emily and Thomas Shoots, David and Wendy Foltz
Roger Foltz in memory of my parents

Debra Ford in memory of my dad, Ray "Penny" Pendergrass
Doug and Jan Fort in memory of our son, Adam Fort.
Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of The Staff of First Presbyterian Church
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of The Presbyterian Women
Sheila and Ronald Hammer in honor of L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders
Sheila and Ronald Hammer in memory of Mona Villafana
Sheila and Ronald Hammer in memory of Roger Rich
David Howard in memory of Joshua Howard
David Howard in memory of Dawna Howard
Gerald and Cindy Jenkins in memory of Carol Coward
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 memory of Jim Sheppard
Leonard and Sarah Kitchens in memory of Martha Dye, Sarah's sister
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Dr. Tom Wilbanks and in memory of Nickie Wilbanks with love and appreciation for their many years of service and dedication to our church
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our parents and families, with our love
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents, with our love
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the FPC Safety Team
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our church staff
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Robbie's mom, Estalene Marshall
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Mike's mom, Carmelita Accock
Paul and Sue Luce in memory of Edwin and Agnes Carr, and Robert Luce
Sheryl Miller in honor of my grandson, Truett Ellis Barrilleaux
Sheryl Miller in memory of my parents, Ben and Mary Williams
Brian Neece in honor of Don Neece
Brian Neece in memory of Sue Neece
Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Hutchinson
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
John and Susan Scholl in memory of our parents
John and Susan Scholl in memory of our daughter
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory our fathers, Dan Fricke and Robert Schwartz
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our grandmothers, Billie Hill and Jeanette Schwartz
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of my beloved husband and dearest friend for 70 years, the Rev. James "Jim" Robert Sheppard, Jr.
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our first-born son, Mark Stephen Sheppard
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of Mary Katherine McFeron, wife of Mark Sheppard, and her father Milton McFeron
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our baby son, gone too soon, James Matthew Sheppard
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of Velice Mariscal, wife of Matthew Sheppard and in honor of the precious and caring Mariscal family
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our dear friend and excellent teacher, Cora Dugan
Hope L. Sheppard with thanks and honor of my dear precious family, God bless you
Hope L. Sheppard with thanks and Happy Birthday to Edie Brunson
Ann Smith in honor of Stephen Leake
Ann Smith in honor of my grandchildren, Smith & Dylan
Ann Smith in honor of William Richardson, our "in person" Sunday School Teacher
Ann Smith in honor of the Church Staff for all they do
Ann Smith in honor of Reverend Doughton and family
Ron Smith in honor of Roland Smith
Ron Smith in honor of Mitch Smith
Ron Smith in memory of Rene Smith
Paul F. Snyder in honor of my stepchildren, Judy, Cinthia, and Debbie
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 honor of Jack Witty
Beverlee Witty in honor of Hannah Witty

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 11, 2022

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.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. Let us worship God!*

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
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Ryoji Shimpō, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Chip Davis

INTROIT 106 (v.1) *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Augustus Nelson

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*

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 - LOVE

(8:45) Terri White and Scott Tudor

(11:00) Leslie, Nathan, Mackenzie, Bella, and Cruz Davila

*HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*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, 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 (8:45) *What Child Is This* arr. Stan Pethel

Samuel Clifton, saxophonist & Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

ANTHEM (11:00) *Humble Little Manger* James Michael Stevens
Chancel Choir

Humble little manger. Humble little manger. Was He born in a palace?

No, no. In a royal bed? Not my Lord. Did He have a fine pillow?

No, no. Not a pillow to lay His head.

Was He born in a temple, or at the feet of kings? Not my Lord.

Di He wear a golden ring? No, no. Not a golden ring for the King.

Signs and prophets foretold His birth, Son of God come down to earth.

No royal bed, no golden ring. Just a humble manger for the King.

Humble little manger, oh, oh. Humble little manger, oh, oh.

(continued)

When the shepherds came to see Him, bow down.
They were bending low, humble, to worship the Messiah, Jesus.
Gave praises to the King. Sings and prophets foretold His birth,
No royal bed, no golden ring. Just a humble manger for the King.
Humble little manger. In a humble little manger,
'twas born the King of Kings!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ♦ *Matthew 1:18-25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named Him Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Samuel Clifton, saxophonist & Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Elder, Charles Hammer

The children and youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 118 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

SERMON *The World of Jesus: Joseph's Dilemma* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

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 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. John W. Work, II

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

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout 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!

*POSTLUDE *Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child* arr. Gary Davidson

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Ron Smith (8:45); Roger Foltz (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Taylor Hammer, Madison Villafana,
Sheila Hammer, and Schyler Marin

Youth Reader ♦ - MacKenzie Aynes (8:45); Campbell Futrell (11:00)



FPC Mesquite will be making a monetary donation, if you would like to donate as well, please do so by Sunday, December 11.

This year we will be providing gifts for 1,000 children on **December 16th and 17th**. During this event, our parents will shop through our toys and pick the gifts of their choosing. We will also provide wrapping paper so our parents are able to wrap the gifts themselves.

All children will receive: Family board game, A Hoodie, and a Toy (donated from our donors and through our partnerships with WFAA's Santa's Helpers, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, Santa Cops, and other amazing partners like you!)

THE CHALLENGE



The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .
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 collected for December is **54 items**.

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase this Sunday.

1 lb. bag of halves \$13

Only limited quantities available.