

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Robbie Robinson (8:45); Amanda Aynes (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Bryan Sanders, Michael and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Bryan Sanders, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton (11:00)

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Cantata by Chancel Choir
9:30 a.m. - 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

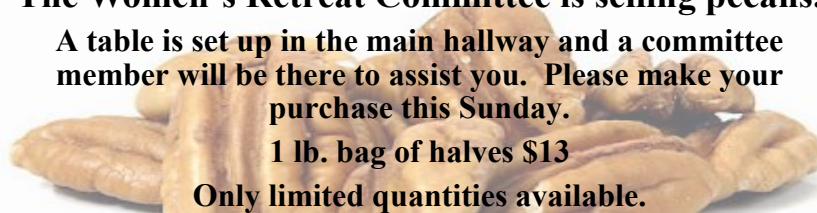
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our parents and families, with our love
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents, with our love
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the FPC Safety Team
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our church staff
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loney 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 Velia 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

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.



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 18, 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
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* arr. Phil Della Penna

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 - JOY

(8:45) Brenda and Clarence Greer

(11:00) Sharon and Ross Condarco

*HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*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

Christmas Sanctus

Susan Naus Dengler

Chancel Choir

& Lee Dengler

See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare,
gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise.
Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King,
Who has come to change the world. Join in songs of praise:

Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one.

Heav'n and earth are filled with Your glory.

Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.

Glory be to God in the highest!

See the shepherds run, searching for God's precious Son;

kneeling at his manger bed, filled with love and praise.

Every knee will bow. Every tongue confessing now,

Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Join in songs of praise:

Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one,

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Heav'n and earth are filled with your glory.

Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.

Glory be to God in the highest! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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.

Did 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.

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!

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time of Advent, give us strength that we may find Your Joy as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 11:1-4

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Ba'als, and burning incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught E'phraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one, who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-15

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

SERMON

The World of Jesus: To Egypt We Go

Rev. Doughton

ANTHEM

Wasn't That a Mighty Day?

arr. Dan Schwartz

Chancel Choir

Mighty day, what a mighty day.

Yes, a mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Wasn't it a mighty day, wasn't it a mighty day?

Wasn't it a mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Star rose in the East, star rose in the East.

Star rose in the East when Jesus Christ was born.

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Mighty, mighty day, what a mighty, mighty day.

What a mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Three wise men appeared bearing gifts and song on that hoy day when Jesus Christ was born.

Wasn't that a mighty, mighty day, wasn't that a mighty, mighty day?

Mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Steeple bells were rung, joyous songs were sung,

on that glorious day when Jesus Christ was born.

Wasn't that a mighty day, wasn't that a mighty day?

Wasn't it a mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Mighty day, what a mighty day.

Yes, a mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

Mighty day when Jesus Christ was born.

ANTHEM

Sing Gloria, Sing Noel!

Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

Tiny baby was born this day o. Sing gloria, Sing noel!

See him lying there in the hay o. Sing gloria sing noel!

Stars are shining up in the sky o, Mary's singing a lullaby o.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Sing gloria sing noel! Sing, sing, sing,

sing. Sing, sing, gloria, sing gloria, sing noel!

Late at night when the world's a sleep o.

Sing gloria, sing noel! Shepherds tend to their flocks of sheep o.

Sing gloria, sing noel!

Saw an angel and heard his voice o went to Bethlehem to rejoice o.

Gloria in excelsis De o! Sing gloria, sing noel!

Gloria in excelsis De o! Gloria in excelsis De o!

Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, noel!

See the wise men on their way o.

To the manger now, don't delay o.

Choirs of angels join to sing o, hear the bells of heaven ring o.

Sing gloria, sing noel! Sing, sing, sing, sing.

Sing gloria, sing noel!

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 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*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

In Dulci Jubilo

Chip Davis