

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our beautiful daughters, MacKenzie and 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
Marye Boyce in memory of Tom L. Barnard
Marye 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

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

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

Tuesday, January 3

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

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

Sunday, January 8 - Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

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

9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

THOSE WHO SERVE

E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
Ryoji Shimpō, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.



The Star on the bulletin cover is from The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It marks the traditional site where Jesus was born. One can see that the Star is in light and shadow. Jesus brings us out of the shadows into the light. As we ponder the birth of Christ, may we remember His lowly birth. May we remember that He came to Earth to be with us, to be among us, and to show us the way to live. May this star lead us to humility, mystery, and worship.

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 *Away in a Manger* W. Kirkpatrick/
J. Murray/J. Stillman

INTROIT 133 (vs 1 & 3) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* John Francis Wade
Chancel Choir

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
(Refrain) O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizen of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)

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 #134 *Joy to the World*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

7:00 p.m. - Brittany and Charles Hammer

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: **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!**

WELCOME

CAROL 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,
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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 2:1-7*

CAROL #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 2:8-15*

CAROL #115 *Away in a Manger*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11*

ANTHEM *The First Noel*
String Quartet, (Students of Mesquite High School)
Briana Aguilar, Giselle Cruz,
Allison Juarez, Samantha J Solis

SERMON *Jesus' World: Enter the Magi*
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 String Quartet

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.

(Continued)

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.

*DISMISSAL

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.

*POSTLUDE *Silent Night* arr. Preston Keys

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Deacon/Ushers

Nick Scholl, Erin Edling,
and Steve Hawter