#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1st Sunday of Christmas 11:00 a.m. December 26, 2021

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	No. 133
	(Verse 1)	

John 1 (selected verses) CALL TO WORSHIP In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was Leader: with God. and the Word was God.

## **People:** He was in the beginning with God.

- All things came into being through him, and Leader: without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
- People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- And the Word became flesh and lived among us, Leader:
- **People:** and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. Praise the Lord! Leader:

*People: The Lord's name be praised.* 

**OPENING PRAYER** 

"The First Nowell" \*Hymn No. 147

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the glorious light of your incarnate Word. Let the light of your love be reflected in all that we do. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will, and our resolutions be strengthened to serve your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

A WORD WITH	I THE CHILDREN	
SPECIAL MUSI	IC	
SCRIPTURE RE	EADING	Luke 2: 22-35
SERMON	"Hurrying from the Past"	Elder Karl Morgan
*Hymn	"Good Christian Friends, Rejo	<i>pice"</i> No. 132

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **O**FFERTORY

# \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory"	No. 143
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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### \*Those who are able, please stand.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** Elder Karl Morgan; Chuck Eckel, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Alex Lutz, Elder of the Month.

# Announcements

**Tuesday Bible Studies:** Beach Bible Study 9:30 am, FPC Bible Study 10:00 am **Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays 7 pm **Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office **No Sunday School** Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Fellowship Suppers** begin Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 5:45 pm





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