FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Christmas 11:00 a.m. January 2, 2022

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations

to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising:

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT "O Come, Little Children" (see insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 8: 12, Titus 2:11

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever

follows me will not walk in darkness but will have

the light of life."

People: The grace of God has dawned upon the

world with healing for all humankind.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised.

OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn "The First Nowell" No. 147

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of

our God, Alleluia!

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God

who became one of us, saying: The grace of God be with us all. O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your

salvation may be known through all the earth.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to

every place. Make it a place of welcome for people

of every race and tongue.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and

thoughts of leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and

comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the

faith of the persecuted.

People: The grace of God be with us all. Amen.

Leader: O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God,

gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things

find their ending, now and ever.

All: 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."

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60: 1-6

*Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 134

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

*Hymn "What Star is this, with Beams So Bright" No. 152

SCRIPTURE READING Matt. 2:1–12

*HYMN "We Three Kings" No. 151

SCRIPTURE READING Eph. 3: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC "Gesu Bambino" Juanita Ratliff

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.

OFFERTORY

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Hymn

"O Holy Night!"

(see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(see insert)

"O Come, Little Children"

*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 Bob Bell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director.





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^{*}DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

^{*}POSTLUDE

"O Come, Little Children" (Verse 1)

"O come, little children, O come, one and all, O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall, And see what the Father in heaven so true, Has done to prepare a bright Christmas for you."

"O Holy Night!"

"O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and ever pining, 'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'; Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angels' voices! O night divine, o night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand; So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here come the wise men from Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, To our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before Him lowly bend! Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!"

"O Come, Little Children" (Verse 6)

"Receive then our hearts, which we offer to Thee, And keep them from sin and from wickedness free; O render them holy and blessed like Thine, Thou Son of the Highest, Thou Infant divine."

<u>Prayers Of and For The People</u> <u>First Presbyterian Church</u> <u>December 30, 2021</u>

Judy Neal, treatment
Alan and Sheena Jenkins, traveling back to Perry
Rejoice with all Christmas worshippers
Thanksgiving for old friends coming back
Prayers for fellowship return
Pray for Tuesday bible studies
Pray for soup for soul ministry
Pray for Kathie Sipple
Elvena Johnson
Weiss family
Patricia Lindsey, family
Glenn and JoAnn Knowles

Announcements

Called Session Meeting January 4th 6:00 pm **Fellowship Suppers resume** January 5th 5:45 pm (this Wednesday is potluck) **Installation of Elders** Sunday, January 9th

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