

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1st Sunday of Christmas/Holy Communion
January 1, 2023 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "As With Gladness Men of Old" C. Cowell
Dr. Mark Coffey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 163
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to reveal God's light to the whole world: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623
"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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Somewhere in Your Silent Night"
Words and Music by Matthew West, Bernie Herms, and Mark Hall
Sandi Hilgendorf

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

*HYMN "We Three Kings" No. 166
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Light Still Shines Dr. Don McGarity

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Of the Father's Love Begotten" W. Held

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"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."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord Jesus. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

No. 151
(Red hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Threefold Amen"

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Joy to the World"

C. Phillips

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



Holy Communion

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!

Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity; Alex Lutz, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

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

Notes & Announcements



The rose on the Communion table is placed in honor of Kingsley Annin Bell, daughter of Jesse and William Bell and Grandchild of Nancy and Bob Bell. To God be the Glory!

Sunday School resumes Jan. 8; pick a class and enjoy study, fellowship

Beginning Jan. 8, Sunday School resumes its regular schedule and there are two adult classes which will warmly welcome newcomers as well as returning members.

Marilyn Culpepper's class will delve into the 14th chapter of 1st Corinthians, urging you to walk in the way of love.

Susan Lincoln will lead a six-week study she's calling "Surprised By God, Surprised by The Bible," followed by a five-week study aligned with the season of Lent.

Both adult classes meet across from the library and pastor's study.

Assembly begins at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall and Sunday School follows.

Classes are available for the very young, too, so bring your children or grandchildren, and let Kristie and Alex Lutz lovingly lead them toward Jesus.

- Church Office closed Monday, January 2nd
- Installation of Elders Sunday, January 8th
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

All who are grieving this joyous season

Families far from us

Lynn Williams, cardiac

Dom Sandonato & family

Steve Caruso family

Neals

Browns & Heilberg's traveling

All who are absent in person, but in our hearts including.....

Mary Lou, Gretchen ,Patricia,

Jo, Ben, Ron, Glenn, Elvena

And all our unspoken heartaches

Session Members

Jeanne Hilgendorf **Fellowship** Class of 22

Heather Speas **Mission/outreach** Class of 22

Alex Lutz **Worship** Class of 22

Joey Ratliff **Administration** Class of 23

Marne Helberg **Worship** Class of 23

Rachel Poppell **Christian Education** Class of 23

Sandi Hilgendorf **Clerk, Fellowship** Class of 23

Martha Davis **Administration** Class of 24

Chuck Eckel **Mission/Outreach, Admin.** Class of 24