

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m. December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O ANTIPHONS

Pastor: O Wisdom,

Leader: you are the breath of God filling all creation, singing to us from every rock and tree, you order all things with strength and gentleness

People: Come now and teach us the way. Come, O come Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Adonai,

Leader: Ruler of the house of Israel, and leader of wilderness-wandering tribes; you called to Moses from the burning bush and gave him your law on the mountaintop. Set the world ablaze with a passion for peace that will never go out.

People: Come now and teach us the way to Peace. Come, O come Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Root of Jesse,

Leader: rising as a sign for all the peoples. Before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give you honor.

People: Come now and teach us the way to salvation. Come, O come Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Key of David,

Leader: guardian of God's people; you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open. Come to set free the prisoners who live in darkness and despair.

People: Come now and bring us joy. Come, O come Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for Jesus is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

No. 125
(verses 1)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No.1
(verses 1-3)

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg. 578)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-56 (pg. 831-32)

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

*HYMN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

(insert)

Canticle of the Turning

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Select Verses) Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba Father. God acts with justice

and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 626
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.

*CLOSING HYMN “The Trees of the Field” No. 244
THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (insert)

*POSTLUDE

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

Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis (Pastor); Steve Brown (Liturgist); Rayma Ball (Director of Music); Leah Metzger (Accompanist); Bob Helberg, Angela Wilson, Nancy Bell, Donna Sprigle, and Elise Yates (Ushers and Greeters); Karl Morgan (Elder of the Week).

Children’s Church (CC): Children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The children (1st grade & under) will be led to their classroom. **Nursery** provided for infants & toddlers during Sunday School and the Worship. **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.



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Elder of the Week:

December

15 – Karl Morgan

Contact your **Elder of the week** for personal or family concerns.
Contact the appropriate **committee** for congregational concerns.

Next Session next meeting is December 16, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 15 – Daryll Gunter

December 16 – Chuck Eckel

December 21 – Sharron Dorman

December 21 – Jeanne Raulerson

December 20 – Bob & Rayma Ball

December 20 – Stan & Shona Whiddon

This week's events:

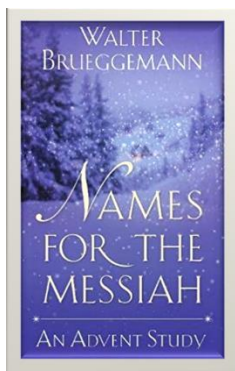
Sunday, Dec. 15th	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Cantata
	5:30 pm	Youth Group
Monday, Dec. 16 th	6:30 pm	Session meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 17 th	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 18 th	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas
Next Sunday, Dec. 22 nd	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS: Reservations are not necessary, and dress is casual. Meal costs are: 6th grade - adult, \$3.50, and children \$2.00. The maximum charge for a family with children is \$10.00. **Hilgendorf/Youth's team** will cook, set-up and clean-up.



December 18, 2019 7:00 pm

ADVENT Devotions: Weekly devotionals are going out by email. If you do not have email you may pick up a copy at Wednesday night Fellowship suppers or the Narthex.



Advent Study

Books will be available in the workroom.



Christmas Card Exchange Would you like to send out greetings to other members for Christmas? The First Presbyterian Post office box is open!!! (In the Fellowship Hall) Just Fill out your cards with the recipient's name and date and place it in one of the slots with their last name initial on it and **DONE** no need for a Stamp!!! A wonderful way to express season greetings to each other.



Choir Rehearsal on Dec. 14, 2019 9am to 11:30pm.



December 15, 2019 at 3pm.



There are **sign-up sheets available** for ministry opportunities and other special information. Please visit the information table in the Narthex.

If you do not have email or would like a copy of the **December** newsletter, copies are available in the Narthex. If you have an announcement, note, or picture etc. to put in the **January Newsletter** please have your detailed info given to the office by way of email by **Monday, December 23, 2019.**



THE BREADBASKET OFFERING enables our church to assist those in our community who are in need. Gifts to this offering provides help with medication, utility bills, food and other necessities. We have had many requests, so please consider making a donation and placing it in the Breadbasket envelope in the pew rack. Thanks be to God for your gracious donations!



Find us on Facebook and on our web page @ www.fpcperry.com

Online giving is available through the church website. If you have any questions, contact Ellie in the church office. Look for this icon on the website.

Click on the Giving button to make an online payment:

Giving

THROUGH THE PRAYER CHAIN, members of First Presbyterian are given the opportunity to turn to God in supplication for others. You may start a prayer request by contacting Margaret Poppell at perryfpcprayers@yahoo.com, 843-8689.



100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for you
 mem - ber who holds us fast. God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - er
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Shalom

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
 May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving.
 Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, *Mot* song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

Melissa, Daniel, and Suzan Everett in honor of Neil & Jen Lockhart.

Melissa, Daniel, and Suzan Everett in memory of Suzan Lockhart-Miller.

Melissa, Daniel, and Suzan Everett in memory of Perry O'Neil Lockhart Jr.

Susan Lincoln in honor of the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee for their faithful dedication and unending support: Nancy Bell, Steve Brown, Anna Morgan, Bobby Harper, Janece Campbell, and Karl Morgan.

Neil & Jen Lockhart



POINSETTIAS may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Worship Service.



*The Poinsettias are given
to the Glory of God by:*

Jo Wilson Kinsey in memory of Jim & Ruth Wilson and Linda Wilson Cain.

Bob & Marne Helberg in honor of Bobbie & Kristie Harper for delivering meals from the Senior Center.

Bob & Marne Helberg in honor of Steve & Cindy Brown for delivering meals from the Senior Center.

Their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in memory of Lois & Dean Odom.

Bob & Rayma Ball in memory of Patti Punda.

Bob & Rayma Ball in memory of their parents; Glen W. Eby & Betty A. Golden Eby, Jimmy R. Ball & Joyce Jones Ball Cowan.

Steve & Cindy Brown in honor of Pastor Natasha & Ed.

Alice, Babbs, & Raymond in memory of Jim Farrell.

Alice, Babbs, & Raymond in memory of Jake Bassett.

Alice, Babbs, & Raymond in memory of Nancy & Frank Turner.

Dr. Jim & Margie Rawls in honor of Jeanne Raulerson.

Dr. Jim & Margie Rawls in memory of Harold Raulerson.

Jeanne Raulerson in memory of her precious husband, Harold Raulerson.

Juanita Ratliff in honor of her children, Mitchell and Emaley, and in thanksgiving for god's many blessings.

Tuti & Poppie in honor of Bailey & Abbott Fletcher.

Charles and Tuckie Maultsby in memory of their parents, John and Amanda Maultsby; Sydney and Frances Blay.

Charles and Tuckie Maultsby in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study in honor of Dianna Sandonato.

Polly Kincaid in loving memory of her husband, Chuck Kincaid.

Polly Kincaid in loving memory of her grandson, Billy Thompson Jr.

Brenda Butler Wilson in memory of her husband, Jim Wilson Sr.

Brenda Butler Wilson in memory of her parents, Howard and Leila Butler.

Betty Culbreath in memory of her husband, Eric Culbreath and her grandson, Ashley Smith.

Dom & Dianna Sandonato in honor of our loving Church.

Dom & Dianna Sandonato in memory of Patti Punda.

In honor of Bob & Nancy Bell with love, **Jude Carter Smith.**

In memory of Dianna Yates Speas "Nonni" with love, **Jude Carter Smith.**

Hilgendorf family in memory of loved ones gone before us, "Merry Christmas in Heaven".

Melissa, Daniel, and Suzan Everett in honor of Jim & Margie Rawls.

Melissa, Daniel, and Suzan Everett in honor of Chuck & Martha Davis.