

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Attributed to Francis of Assisi

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O ANTIPHONS

Leader: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, Sun of justice: shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**People: Come and shine the light of your love on us.
Come, O come Emmanuel.**

Leader: O Ruler of the nations, for whom the people long, you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

**People: Come now and teach us the way to Peace.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Emmanuel, desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**People: Come now and lead the way to our salvation.
Come, O come Emmanuel.**

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, for Jesus is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory" No. 131
REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love, we heard the songs of the angels, yet we easily tune-out the cries of the needy; we feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet remain untouched by your Spirit of peace. Forgive us, we hunger for happiness, feed us on your peace; we long for community and acceptance, surround us with our brothers and sisters. Draw us closer to the one who loves unconditionally and welcomes all; to the Child who gathers the little children to him, to bless them and serve them; to the one who drew near to us, and lived among us, so we might be drawn to your heart forever— Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard on High" Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 554)

ANTHEM "Jehovah Elohim" Arr. Joel Raney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 783)

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

*Hymn "Let Us Build a House" (see insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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

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 "Oh Lord How Shall I Meet You" (see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis (Pastor); Karl Morgan (Liturgist); Rayma Ball (Director of Music); Leah Metzger (Accompanist); Bobby Harper, Babbs Radcliff, Mike Perrine, Martha Davis, Warren Hilgendorf, Jeanne Hilgendorf. (Ushers and Greeters); **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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Help is needed preparing Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please join us on Monday, December 23rd, at 9:00 am, to prepare greenery wall sconces and luminaries. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and hope to finish by 11:30 am.



On Dec 29th there will not be Fellowship, assembly or small groups.



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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 25 – Kim Torres
December 27 – Kristie Harper
December 27 – Dan Musgrove
December 28 – Marissa Ratliff

This week's events:

Sunday, Dec. 22 nd	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday, Dec. 24 th	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, Dec. 25 th	Church Office Closed	
Next Sunday, Dec. 29 th	11:00 am	Worship

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**.



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 Narthex) 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.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
- 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

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 to the glory of God.

Carrie Early and Jalen Albritton in honor of our church family.



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.