

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m. December 29th, 2019

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 148:1-5, 7A, 10-13

LEADER: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord from the heights.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord, all you holy angels; praise the Lord, all heavenly hosts.

LEADER: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord who commanded, and they were created.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord from the earth, wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

LEADER: kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all the judges of the world; young men and women, old and young together.

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord only is exalted, and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" No. 145

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

"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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (pg.537)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

R. MacGimsey
David Culpepper

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40 (pg.833)

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

*Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

No. 155

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

COL. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him

God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 133

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

*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!

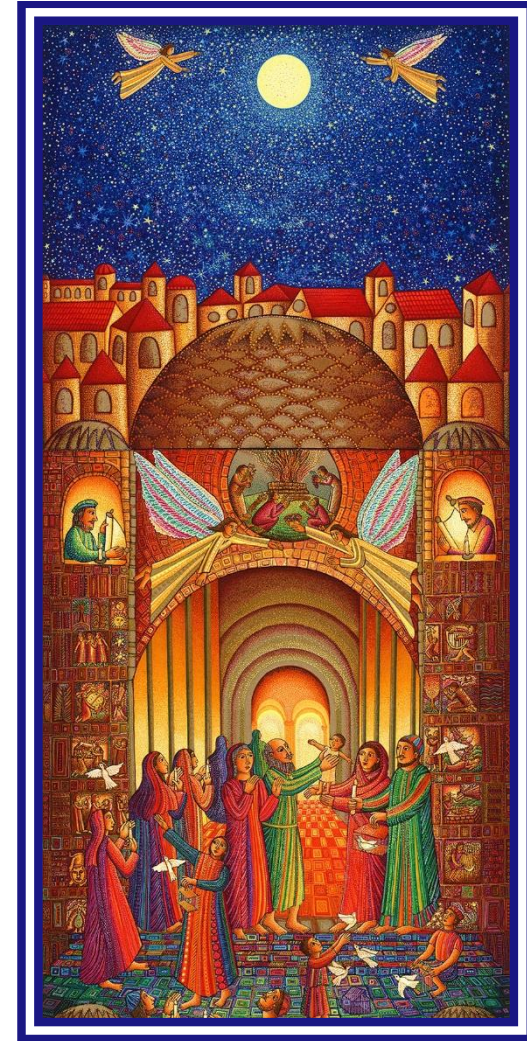
Children's Church (CC): All children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. After Children's Time, children 1st grade and below will go out for children's bible activities. **NURSERY** is provided for infants and toddlers. **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.

Leading worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Bob Helberg, Liturgist; Rayma Ball, Director of Music; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Warren Gregory, Efren Torres, Cheryl Gregory, Babbs Radcliff, Penny Larche, and Andy Larche, Ushers; Chuck Eckel, Elder of the Week



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



January 2 – Heather Speas

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!

This week's events:

Sunday, Dec. 29 th	11:00 am	Worship
Next Sunday, Jan. 5 th	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship



The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Reid & Elise Yates. In Honor/Remembrance of Peggy Bell, Sadie Blair, and Cecil Yates.



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