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This week at First Presbyterian....
Sunday, December 30
 9:30 a.m. Wise Men Breakfast - Kirk
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 11:35 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
Monday, December 31
 No scheduled events
Tuesday, January 1
Happy New Year
 Church Office and Dayschool Closed
Wednesday, January 2
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
Thursday, January 3
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
Friday, January 4
 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle @ Mama Penn's
Saturday, January 5
 No scheduled events

**BUILDING ON FAITH
 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
 KICKOFF CELEBRATION
 Sunday, January 13
 10:30am in the Family Life Center
 Campaign Kickoff 11:30am—12:15pm
 Soup Luncheon .. Overview of project
 scope .. Revised renderings of building
 concepts .. Messages from Steering
 Committee members .. Reveal of
 pledges already received**

FINANCIAL NOTES
 The church financial books for the year 2018 will **close on January 3, 2019.** All contributions for the tax year 2018 **must be dated 2018** and in the church office by **9:00am on January 3, 2019.** Please make all stock transfers so that proceeds are in the office before the deadline. Contact Sandy DeFino, Business Administrator with any questions, 225-2551 or sandyd@fpcandersonsc.com.
 The 2019 offering envelopes are available in the hallway behind the sanctuary across from the Session Room. Please pick yours up today. If you have auto-draft you will not have envelopes.

Covenant Bible Study
Wednesdays at 5:30pm or
Thursdays at 10:30am
Beginning on January 16/17
 All adults are invited to join a 16 week Bible study on "Living the Covenant." This is a more challenging Bible study because weekly reading and reflection is required at home. However, we are slowing it down a bit this semester in order to allow more time for discussion and a deeper understanding of our assigned passages.
 If you are looking for a small group to study scripture with, the Covenant study is a great way to begin!
 Jan16 —April 24 — **LIVING THE COVENANT**
 Please contact Jennifer Stewart to sign up so that we have a participant book for everyone.
 Cost: \$12 each

First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018
10:30am



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302 West Whitner Street
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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 30, 2018

10:30 A.M.

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime FPC disciple or a new friend, please sign the fellowship pad in the pew.

◆ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit if you are able. You are invited to join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arr. McLaughlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS Tim Morrill

WE PRAISE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP I Peter 2:9

You are a chosen race,
A royal priesthood,
A holy nation,
God's own people,
In order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
Who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.

◆ HYMN 140 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

◆ LITANY FOR OUR SAVIOR
All the ends of the earth have seen God's salvation.
Alleluia!
O Christ, mighty Word of God, sustaining all creation:
Renew our lives by your presence.
O Christ, born in the fullness of time to free all creatures:
Release everyone into your promised new creation.
O Christ, begotten of the Father, born in a Bethlehem stable:
Make your church a sign of hope and joy.
O Christ, fully God and fully human, fulfilling our expectations:
Fulfill your will in us.
O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and majesty:
May the whole world live in your peace and justice. AMEN.

◆ GLORIA PATRI 581 GREATOREX

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Matthew 1:18-25* Pew Bible p. 1

SERMON *"The Wonder of 'With Us'"* Dr. Dennis R. Tedder

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q. 22 Who was sent to be the Messiah?

A. God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ because God anointed him to be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *Joy to the World* arr. J. Brickman

◆ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH, Hymnal, pg. 606

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ HYMN 684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go* LUX PRIMA

◆ BENEDICTION Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
And to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be glory majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

◆ POSTLUDE

As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service. Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship. A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.

*Please check with an usher if you would like large print hymns. After worship, we invite you to keep your bulletin or place in the recycle baskets at each entrance.
THANK YOU!*

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God.