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**This week at First Presbyterian....**  
**Sunday, December 16 - Thrid Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
 4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling - Kirk  
**Monday, December 17**  
 1:00 p.m. Seekers Bible Study - Rm 212  
 5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 41  
**Tuesday, December 18**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FL  
 2:00 p.m. Staff meeting - Library  
 3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Kirk  
**Wednesday, December 19**  
 8:15 a.m. Young Mom's Bible Study - Bagel Shop  
 9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 214  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
 3:25 p.m. Middle School pick-up  
 5:30 p.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212  
**Thursday, December 20**  
 10:00 a.m. Children's Nativity Practice & Fun Day  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
 10:30 a.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212  
**Friday, December 21** No scheduled events  
**Saturday, December 22**  
 Private event - McDougald Room

**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.  
**2019 Offering Envelopes** are on the table across from the Session Room (behind sanctuary). If you do auto-draft, you will not have envelopes. Contact Sandy DeFino, Business Administrator with any questions, 225-2551 or sandyd@fpcandersonsc.com.

 Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn** on their marriage November 30, 2018. **Mrs. Glenn** is the former **Dominique Choice** and **Tommy** is the son of **Tom and Ona Glenn**.  
 Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Bryson McMann** on their marriage December 8, 2018. **Mrs. McMann** is the former **Logan Heaton** and **Bryson** is the son of **David and Buffy McMann**.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 4:00pm**  
 We will travel in groups by church bus and cars to visit members and friends all over town. After caroling we will return back to the church for a chili dinner and fellowship. *Kid friendly options will also be available for dinner.* All families are asked to bring a dessert to share.  
 \*Make sure to dress in your best Christmas gear, the most festive child, youth & adult will win a prize. Contact Kari if you have any questions, karim@FPCAndersonSC.com

**One Worship Sunday, December 23 at 10:30am**  
 The children of FPC will tell the Christmas story in costume during our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, Dec. 23rd. If you have any questions, contact Alisa Gibson or Jennifer Stewart.

Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 16, 2018  
 10:30am



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**A Service of Lessons and Carols  
The 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 16, 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.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Henderson Wise

PRELUDE *Advent Carol* arr. Hopson  
Chancel Chimers

CALL TO WORSHIP I Timothy 3:16

Without any doubt the mystery of our faith is great:  
**The Lord was revealed in flesh, vindicated by the Spirit,**  
Witnessed by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles,  
**Believed in throughout the world,**  
Taken up in glory.

◆ HYMN 92, verse 3 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Marshall and Tibby Hobson

◆ LITANY OF JOY from Isaiah 33:1; Luke 1:13-14

Isaiah delivers God's promise of coming joy:  
**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,**  
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
**Like the flowers, the desert shall bloom in abundance.**  
In the first chapter of Luke, an angel appears to an aging priest Zechariah, saying:  
**"Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,**  
And you will name him John.  
**You will have joy and gladness,**  
And many will rejoice at this birth,  
**For he will be great in the sight of the Lord.**

◆ GLORIA PATRI 581 GREATOREX

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

EXPRESSING THE FAITH *The Light of Christmas Morn* Hart  
Ashley Burriss and Amelia White

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

"Messengers and Signs"

**The Angels**

LESSON Psalm 103:20-21a; Matthew 1:20-21, 24

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GLORIA

**The Holy Spirit**

LESSON Luke 1:35; 3:21-22; Romans 8:14

CAROL 108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
Choir

**The Star**

LESSON Genesis 1:14; Matthew 2  
SONG *We Three Kings* DIX  
Angela Reeves, soprano

**The Cross**

LESSON Isaiah 53:5-7; Romans 5:6-8; I Corinthians 1:18  
CAROL 159 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* KINGSFOLD  
Choir Men

**The Crown**

LESSON Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 2:9  
CAROL 145 *What Child Is This?* Greensleeves  
Choir Women

**The Trinity**

LESSON Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:4-7; II Corinthians 13:14

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
BEECHER

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Romans 1:1b-6

**By grace we are disciples of Jesus, set apart for the gospel of God, promised beforehand through God's prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and new purpose to bring about faithful obedience for the sake of his name among all nations, including ourselves who belong to Jesus Christ.**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christmas Hallelujah* Cloverton  
Hannah Borders

◆ DOXOLOGY 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
IN DULCI JUBILO

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE *Ding Dong, Merrily On High* Eithun  
Chancel Chimers; Celeste Griffith, violin

*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 and in honor of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Askew by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson.*

◆ 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.