

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Hustad

◆ DOXOLOGY 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 115
Away in a Manger MUELLER
Richard Williamson, leader; Brent Copeland, guitar

◆ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

RECOGNITION OF CHARMAINE SMITH-MILES

◆ POSTLUDE *Noel Etranger* Daquin

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

10:30am

This week at First Presbyterian....

Sunday, December 17

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study - McDougald Room
4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling - meet in Kirk

Monday, December 18

1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study - FLC
3:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study - Debbie Williamson's home
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC

Tuesday, December 19

10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Eleanor Gray's home
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Kirk

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC

Thursday, December 21

5:45 a.m. Advent Bible Study - YMCA
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC

Friday, December 22

Daycare/School Holiday
Church Office Holiday

Saturday, December 23

No scheduled events

Sunday, December 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Candlelight/Communion Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

Daycare/School Holiday
Church Office Holiday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December 30 - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Servants - Kirk

December 31
9:30 a.m. Wise Men's Breakfast
10:30 a.m. One Worship Service

FINANCIAL NOTES

The church financial books for the year 2017 will close on January 2, 2018. All contributions for the tax year 2017 must be dated 2017 and in the church office by 9:00am on January 2, 2018. Please make all stock transfers so that proceeds are in the office before the deadline. Contact Sandy DeFino, Financial Administrator, with any questions.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes are provided for you to use for your contributions. They are available for pick-up in the hall behind the sanctuary. Please note that if you use Auto-Draft or have your bank send us your checks then there are NO envelopes in your name. If you do not see your name and need a box of envelopes please let Sandy know in the office.



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A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2017
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. *Please visit our website or call the church office for additional information about our faith family.*

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Sorenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Martha Burriss, Deacon

WE PRAISE GOD

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING
(Verse 3)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES The Harbert Family
ADVENT CANDLE READING

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Christ, our Lord and Savior: We are such an impatient people. We want fast and easy spiritual food, not the lasting nourishment that comes through patient prayer, quiet reflection, daily service, constant thanksgiving, and simple trust. Help us come to you with repentant hearts so that in Your grace we can become Your disciples. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession:

◆ SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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
"Messengers and Signs"

The Angels

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

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 119
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

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 2:1-12
◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 147
The First Nowell, the Angel Did Say THE FIRST NOWELL

MEDITATION *An Unexpected Gift* Charmaine Smith-Miles

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

The Crown

LESSON Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 2:9
SONG *One King* Borders, Borders and Lowell
with Carah Ellen Morrill and Hudson Richardson

The Trinity

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

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

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.

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

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