

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Carolyn Hamlin
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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Welsh Christmas Lullaby" arr. Jeffrey A. Hall
Suo Gan Jubilant Ringers

✦CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: We wait with anticipation for the coming of the Lord this Advent season.
People: We give thanks that Jesus comes as Prince of Peace in this violent world.
Liturgist: Justice and righteousness will fill the land;
People: Jesus comes into the world to bring hope for all the peoples.
All: Let us worship our Lord Jesus, who is God-with-us.

✦HYMN (see insert) *Heralds of Christ* NATIONAL HYMN

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH CANDLE The Robert Howey Family

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your rule in our lives, our church, and our society. You call us to continually work for justice, yet there are times when we fail to seek your just reign in our world. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Friends we are confident in this:
People: When we repent, God is sure to forgive us.
Liturgist: The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.
People: We celebrate the promise of joy and peace!

✦RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymn 579)

**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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55: 10-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Holly and the Ivy" John A. Behnke

Trad. English

GOSPELREADING Luke 1: 26-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON An Invitation to Meaningful Service Rev. Edgar McCall

✦HYMN 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

✦ AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

PRESENTATION of TITHES, OFFERINGS and GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Still, Still, Still" arr. Bill Ingram
Trad. German Carol with Away in a Manger *Jubilant Ringers*

✦RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Hymnal, Page 592)
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✦PRAYER of DEDICATION

✦HYMN 53 *What Child Is This* KORIN

✦CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Hymnal, Page 23,Stanza 3)
***Come to Bethlehem and see Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World " arr. Michael Burkhardt

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✦All who are able, please stand.

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Count Team: Donna Connors/Max Clyburn **Greeters:** Bill & Jamie Williams/Peggy Furr

Ushers: Andy Harper/Tom Syfan **Chancel:** Betsy Gregory **Liturgist:** Betsy Folks

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May you feel God's presence, may the message be a blessing in your life
and may the grace of God go with you and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Please come again soon!

A SPECIAL INVITATION! You are encouraged to become a member of our congregation, if you have no permanent church home. The Session receives new members upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon their reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or by transfer of their membership from another congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor following the worship service, indicate this on the Friendship Register, or call the church office.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND one of our Sunday School classes: 9th-12th grade;
Adult: Friendship Class; Spirit/Passage Class. Come join us as we explore God's Word together!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Edgar McCall - Pastor

Marsha Roberts - Director of Music and Organist

Susan Lott - Administrative Assistant

Philip W. Neely - Treasurer

SESSION

Holly C. Furr, Clerk

Class of 2018

Ned Gregory, II

Jane R. Mahaffey

Mary Jo Yarborough

Class of 2019

Holly C. Furr

Elizabeth W. Gregory

William K. Williams

Class of 2020

Jennifer L. Bryan

H. Max Clyburn

David A. Ghent

MINISTRY BOARD LEADERS

Christian Formation - H. Max Clyburn/Holly C. Furr

Columbarium & Memorial Garden - Jane R. Mahaffey

Congregational Care - Jane R. Mahaffey/Mary Jo Yarborough

Fellowship - Jon & Diane Lochner/Mary Jo Yarborough

Mission & Outreach - Jennifer L. Bryan/David A. Ghent/Ned Gregory, II

Worship - Elizabeth W. Gregory

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Pastoral & Staff Relations - Ned Gregory, II/William K. Williams

Property Management - H. Max Clyburn

Stewardship and Operational Support - Jane R. Mahaffey/William K. Williams

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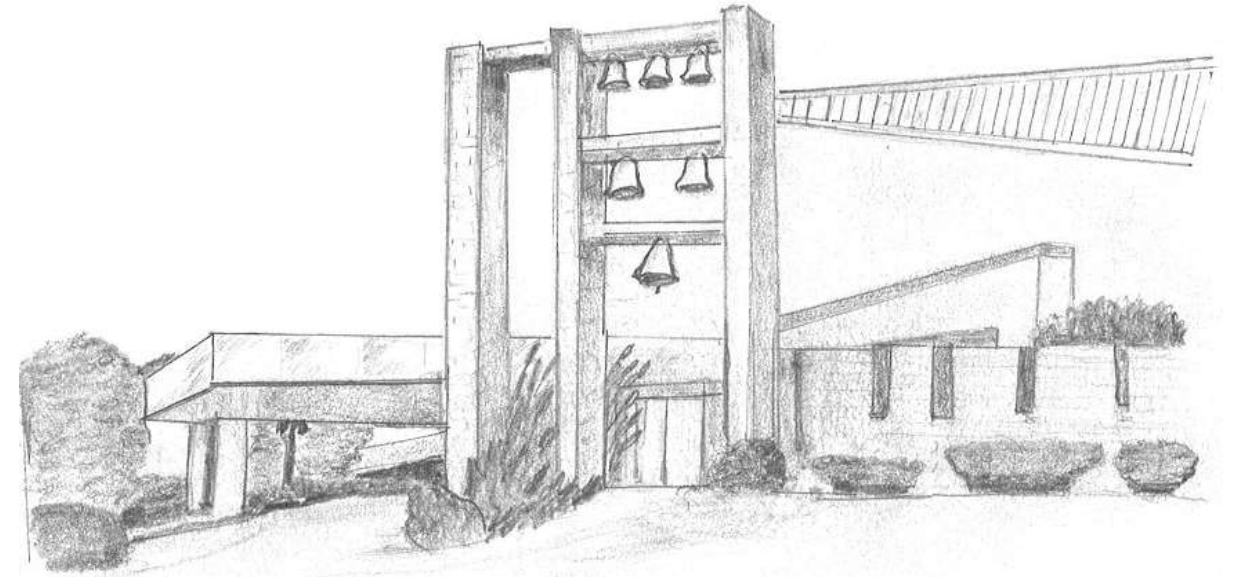
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, are disciples of the risen Christ and members of his universal Body, who are empowered by God's Spirit to WORSHIP God with joy and thanksgiving; PROCLAIM the Gospel through word and deed; TEACH the message of God's love in Christ; SHARE God's love for all people by reaching out in hospitality, ministry and mission; WORK together in harmonious unity as a loving and caring people; and to SERVE one another and others beyond our fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The values we cherish to enable us to accomplish our vision and mission are the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Phil & Karen Neely
Britt, Cathy & Britton Parker
Ann & Suzanne Powers

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church office at (803) 283-3329, so the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Please come by the Prayer Ministry Table before the worship service and give the name of your prayer request to our prayer ministry representatives. The names will be provided to our pastor before the pastoral prayer to be raised to God in corporate prayer. At the Prayer Table cards are available to express our corporate love and concern to those remembered in prayer. Please stop by each Sunday on your way into the sanctuary to sign these cards. Help us in this way to further our church's ministry of sympathy, witness and service to others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Today: Diane Lochner

Next Week: Jane Mahaffey

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: Cindy Ruh; James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Angie Elsberry; Ned Gregory; Geneva Davis.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Andy Novinger; Libby Woodruff; Harriett Garris; Wanda Taylor; Kim Carpenter; Phillip Hough; Tom Forkner; Debbie Spaugh; Susan DeVenny; John Kloepfer; Robert Taylor; Robby Ashworth; Arthur Collins; families of Jean King & Joe Hegler; Jake Campbell; Christopher Timmons.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: December 09, 2018 - December 15, 2018

Sunday	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Worship/Second Sunday of Advent
	3:00 PM	<i>Cookies & Carols</i>
Monday	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	11:00 AM	<i>Bible Study Group</i> Christmas Luncheon
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Tuesday	12 Noon	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	6:00 PM	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i> followed by Chancel Choir at 7:15pm

BIRTHDAYS: 11 Cindy Ruh

ANNIVERSARIES: 15 Ernest & Helen Hegler

ATTENDANCE: Dec 02 Worship - 56 Sunday School - 23 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 25

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>12/02/18</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,894.00	\$ 186,912.00
Amount Received	<u>3,912.00</u>	<u>191,839.32</u>
	\$ <u>18.00</u>	\$ <u>4,927.32</u>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

VISITORS and GUESTS. **Worship is essential to your walk with Christ** and we are glad you are with us today. We welcome you as our guest. Please fill out the *Friendship Pad* found on the pew seat. *In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.* **Join us again as we worship God.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love.** With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

WEE WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS for children are available in a basket on a table in the narthex. Please return the bags to the basket after worship.

FELLOWSHIP COOKIES AND CAROLS. We will gather **this afternoon at 3:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall for wassail, cookies and carol singing. **Come make a joyful noise!**

The **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** meets each week with the next meeting being held **Monday, December 10th** beginning just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. **See you there!** *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?* Matthew 6: 27

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP will hold their *Christmas Luncheon* and meeting this Monday, **December 10th** at 11:00am at the home of Peggy Furr. The BSG will begin with Bible Study followed by lunch. Members are reminded to bring a side dish or dessert of their choice to share.

LESSONS & CAROLS. Our Service of *Lessons and Carols* is a special time of worship, telling the story of the coming of the Christ child through Scripture and music. Scripture from the Old and New Testaments tell of our need for saving grace and how 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' Music lifts our hearts to God as we prepare for the advent of Jesus anew in our lives. Plan to worship on Sunday, **December 16th** as we glorify God through *Lessons and Carols.*

JOY GIFT. The *Joy Gift Offering* will be received during worship on **December 23rd.** With your generous support, church workers throughout the PC(USA) can receive assistance in a time of need and students of Presbyterian ethnic schools are afforded opportunities to learn, grow and lead in faith.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. Worship and communion by intinction will begin at **5:00pm** on Monday the **24th.** A nursery will be available during this service.

STAFF GIFT. It has been a Christmas tradition in our church for members to be given the opportunity to contribute toward a gift for the church staff. If you would like to contribute toward such a gift, please give your contribution to Phil Neely, Glenn Simpson or Robert Folks.

