



DECEMBER 10, 2017
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY (8:30) arr. Carson Cooman
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

†VOLUNTARY (11:00) Antonio Vivaldi
Concerto-Concertato in D, RV 93
Overture
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Amen.

INTROIT (8:30) Paul Manz
E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,
for Christ will be their all!

(Revelation 22)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adam DeVries

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

**People: Now is the season of expectation,
for birth and newness of life.**

Leader: The darkness of this winter season looms,
where hope waits to be born.

**People: Let us come before God
with receptive and open spirits,
with ready and willing ears.**

**All: Let us rejoice, awake to God's coming,
in this season of the birth of hope and joy!**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 BESANÇON
People, Look East

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Todd Jones

**Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Adelaide Dashiff

Isaiah 40:1–11, *page 667*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones

Mark 1:1–8, *page 34*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 314 (seated)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Stanza 1: Solo

Stanza 2: Choir

Stanzas 3–5: Choir and Congregation

SERMON

Todd Jones

The Secret of Waiting

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Sandra Randleman

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts)

Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

arr. Steven S. Nelson, Jon Schmidt

and Al van der Beek

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HYMN 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her king;
 let every heart prepare Him room,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Todd Jones

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive Him,
 still the dear Christ enters in.**

*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
 after the Benediction.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Kenneth Leighton

Fanfare

* Those who are able, please stand

† Latecomers may be seated

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the Sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Ostheimer Family: Rick and Sally

(11:00) The Musgrave Family: John and Edda

Clay Crews, Cross Bearer

(8:30) Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Bible Bearer

(11:00) Rob Sabis, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Sanctuary Chorale: Keith Moore, Director

Sanctuary Choir: Raphael Bundage, Director

Julia Tanner, Cello

(8:30) Hosanna and Doxology Children's Choirs: Jerry Monds, Director

(11:00) Psalmody Ensemble, Carol McClure, Director

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

■ **FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DONUTS** — Please join us between services downstairs in Courtenay Hall for coffee and donuts.

■ **ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex across from the Welcome Center. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.

■ **LIVE STREAM IN COURTENAY HALL** — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.

■ **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the prayer request boxes, located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.

■ **SERMONS** can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

Be a Worship Friend: "Love one another!" John 15:14-17

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the church narthex for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our elders, staff or pastors. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Mary Sellers Shaw is preaching *Stuttering Moses* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.

■ **CONCERT TODAY** — At 4:00 P.M., the Sanctuary Choir and members of the Nashville Symphony, directed by Raphael Bundage, will present "Glory to God in the Highest," a festive concert featuring choral music by Bach, Holst, and Vaughan Williams, as well as orchestral works and congregational carols. The concert is free and open to the public.

■ **A PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS** — Join us this Tuesday for a morning of hope and joy. The program is at 10:30 A.M. with lunch following. Purchase tickets online today.

■ **ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — Wednesday, December 13, (Stuart Gordon) and December 20 (Bill Caruso) at 7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Cost for breakfast is \$5 per person.

■ **ADVENT VESPERS** — Join us December 13 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary chancel. We'll sing Advent songs of anticipation, reflect on the promise of the season, and prepare ourselves for the joy of Christmas. Dinner is available beginning at 5:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. Register for dinner on our website.

■ **A SERVICE OF HOPE** — Sunday, December 17, at 12:20 P.M. in the Stanford Chapel. Join us for a time for scripture, prayer and the lighting of candles. This service is especially for people who are dealing with a loss arising from death of a loved one, divorce, lack of employment, challenges of childbirth, health issues, etc. Everyone is welcome and invited.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** — Join us on December 17 at 5:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place for this event for all ages.

■ **2018 WINTER INQUIRERS' CLASS** — A class will be held on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 A.M.) in

Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting with our church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of the church, you are invited to attend. Registration is not necessary. For more info, call 615-383-1815 or Rev. Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:

- Cecilia Baird, on the death of her niece, Genevieve Baird Farris, who died on November 28. Sympathy also to Hettie and Ed Stuart.
- Crista & Rip Trammell and Clara & Lee Malone, on the death of Crista & Clara's brother, Paul Dunbar Chapman, who died on November 29. Sympathy also to Rip Trammell, Jr., Kristin & Clayton Trammell, Harper Grace Trammell, Connor Trammell, Ruthie Trammell, Molly Malone and Chapman Malone.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** — Today, between services, select names and wish lists for Davidson County foster children in need of Christmas gifts. Sponsors receive list with child's name, age, clothing sizes and a wish list. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 17. Contact Sue Fort White at suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com with questions.

■ **ROOM IN THE INN** — Be an overnight host on Wednesday nights in the Cannon Center from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Also needed are van drivers, breakfast options, pre-made sandwiches, laundry helpers and men's clothing (socks, undershirts, boxer shorts, gloves, stocking caps, medical scrubs, and bath towels). Sign up in Courtenay Hall or on our website.

*For more Mission Ministry info, contact Mike Crout
at 615-298-9593 or missions@fpcnashville.org.*

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **BELLE MEADE PLANTATION CARRIAGE HOUSE DINING TOUR** — December 18 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Cost is \$39. Our tour of the mansion, decorated in its Christmas glory, will be led by a costumed guide. In addition to the mansion tour, the dairy, horse stable, carriage house, mausoleum, gardens, and log cabin will be available for touring. Our sit-down Christmas dinner will be served in the carriage house.

*For more Older Adult Ministry info, contact Brenda Geise
at 615-298-9515 or bgeise@fpcnashville.org.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SINGERS** — If your child is interested in singing in the Christmas Eve service, please have him/her come to the choir rehearsals today and December 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. A very important dress rehearsal for the Christmas Eve service is Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary for Hosanna and Doxology choir members.

■ On December 17, Sunday School children will participate together in the 11:00 worship service, singing the Introit. The Psalmist said, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” That’s what All God’s Children Sing is about; all children making a joyful sound to praise and worship God. Details will be in the Friday Children’s E-Letter.

■ **MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — Mothers of infants who need a quiet place for nursing or calming babies are welcome to use the Quiet Room located by Courtenay Hall and our Bookstore.

■ **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES**

- **Children’s Bulletin, Sermon Sheet & Worship Bag:** All children are encouraged to use these to stay engaged during the service. These are located both in the Narthex or at the Pulpit Entrance.
- **Young Children & Worship:** Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited. After the children come up during worship services for Children’s Time or a Baptism, they will exit the Sanctuary and go to Room CW-110. Parents are welcome to join their child or stay for the remainder of the service.
- **Nursery Care** for children six weeks to three years is available during 8:30 & 11:00 services and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Ask an Elder/Deacon to help you locate the Children’s Hospitality Center.

*For more Children’s Ministry info, contact Deb O’Brien
at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

- **12th Grade:** Today, from 4:00 to 5:15 P.M. at the Raders’ house.
- **The Senior Pre-Party Youth Sunday Planning** time will be with Adam from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Raders’ house this afternoon before the 12th Grade Christmas Party.
- Adam and Kody will take youth to see the new Star Wars Movie on Friday, December 15! Let Kody (kwhitaker@fpcnashville.org) know if you would like to go!
- We will be running in the Barefoot MLK 5K on January 15, 2018! Let us know at youth@fpcnashville.org if you would like to participate, and we can give you more details.
- **Youth Ski Trips** are filling fast! Sign up on the website today!
JH to Paoli Peaks, IN – February 16-18
HS to Black Mtn., NC – February 23-25

*For Youth Ministry info, contact
at 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.*

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CENTER & COVENANT

- CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 15.
- COVENANT MARRIAGE RETREAT on February 2–3. Save the date!

COLLEGE

- COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL begins December 17.
- COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 20.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*



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