



DECEMBER 24, 2017
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY

arr. Aaron Weitekamp

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;

People: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant;

People: His mercy is for those who fear Him.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;

People: And let us exalt His name together!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 133

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.***

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.***

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.***

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

‡ Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to
Young Children and Worship in Room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Todd Jones

**Holy God, You gave the law to show Your people
the way of righteousness.
Help us receive Your commandments as grace
and live as Your obedient children
that Your goodness may shine through us,
to the glory of Your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jackson Stone
Isaiah 62:6–12, *page 693*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones
Luke 2:1–20, *page 58*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 128

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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

SERMON

Todd Jones

Angels We Have Heard on High

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Sandra Randleman
(11:00) Adam DeVries
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

John Rutter

What Sweeter Music

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
and give the honour to this day
that sees December turned to May.
Why does the chilling winter's morn
smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
thus on the sudden? Come and see
the cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis He is born, Whose quickening birth
gives life and lustre, public mirth,
to heaven and the underearth.
We see Him come, and know Him ours,
Who, with His sunshine and His showers,
turns the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come,
and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,
which we will give him; and bequeath
this holly, and this ivy wreath,
to do Him honour; Who's our King,
and Lord of all this revelling.
What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
the birth of this our heavenly King?

(11:00)

George F. Handel

For Unto Us a Child Is Born
(from *Messiah*)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon His shoulder;
and His name shall be called:

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 119

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”***

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark, The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”***

**Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”***

*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

arr. Aaron Weitekamp

Joy to the World

*— 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

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The McMullen Family: Austin, Kelly, Reagan and Mary Austin

(11:00) The Self and Hyde Families: Eric Self; Lanson, Pilar, John and

Matthew Hyde; and Cabot, Helen, Carter, Cabot and Mary Lee Hyde

Cross Bearer: Reid Groomes

Bible Bearer: Lock Ross

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor

Raphael Bundage, Sanctuary Choir Conductor

Jeff Bailey, Trumpet; Preston Bailey, Trumpet;

Jennifer Kummer, French Horn; Prentiss Hobbs, Trombone;

Neil Kenouchi, Tuba; Matthew Curley, Timpani

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.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY** — The Five Thirty will not meet tonight.

■ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed on Sunday, January 7, at the 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love.

■ **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** — The church offices will be closed Monday, December 25. We will also be closed at noon on Friday, December 29, and on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.

■ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** — Today, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. A Family Service will be at 5:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Pre-service music starts at 4:40 P.M. Nursery care is available for three-year-olds and younger. A Service of Lessons & Carols starts at 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Pre-service music starts at 7:40 and 10:40 P.M. No nursery care provided.

■ **INTERACTIVE POP-UP PAGEANT** — Today from 10:00 to 10:45 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. Nursery care is available for three-year-olds and younger.

■ **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 our 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.

■ **MUSIKGARTEN WINTER CLASSES** for babies and toddlers begin in January. Monday and Wednesday morning classes are available. For more information and to register, please visit our website or contact skirby@fpcnashville.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- The Rev. Dr. Bill and Bette Bryant, on the death of Bill's brother, Thomas Earle Bryant, Jr., who died on December 10. Sympathy also to Ellissa Bryant Lamb; Meagan and Bennett Lamb.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **ROOM IN THE INN** — There are many ways to help make Wednesday nights happen for our fourteen male overnight guests. You can sleep overnight, drive a van, pre-make breakfast or lunch, help with laundry or donate 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.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **SINGING TONIGHT AT THE 5:00 P.M. SERVICE** — Choir children should be dropped off at 4:15 in Courtenay Hall to get into costumes and choir robes. We also need a few parents to stay and assist us through the service. Children will need to be picked up in Courtenay Hall at the conclusion of the service.

■ **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 and 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

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 31** — All youth will meet together in The Gathering Place during the Sunday School hour for a message from Adam along with a baby shower for Kody Whitaker's baby—due on New Year's Eve! Please consider bringing diapers or a Target gift card to celebrate and welcome the newest addition to the youth staff family!
- **PASSION CONFERENCE** — On Monday, January 1, 12th graders will leave for Atlanta. Please pray for their travel and their time learning more about God.
- **BAREFOOT MLK 5K RACE** — The youth staff will be running in this again this year! Let us know at youth@fpcnashville.org if you would like to run with us.
- **YOUTH SKI TRIPS** are filling fast. Sign up on the website today!
 - JH to Paoli Peaks, IN: February 16–18
 - HS to Black Mountain, NC: February 23–25

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

YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

CENTER & COVENANT

- **MARRIAGE RETREAT** on February 2–3. Save the date!

COLLEGE

- **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be meeting now through January 14.

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

FLOWER MEMORIALS: The holiday greens adorning the narthex and the sanctuary are given in honor and loving memory of:

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through worship, education, and service.



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