



DECEMBER 31, 2017
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Adam DeVries

†VOLUNTARY Louis-Claude Daquin
Noel Grand-jeu et duo

*CALL TO WORSHIP Josh Rodriguez

Leader: Wake up. The fullness of time has come.
God sent the Son, born of a woman.

**People: Hope and believe that we might receive
adoption as God's children.**

Leader: Rejoice that God has sent the Spirit of the Son
into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**People: Testify, for we are no longer strangers but family,
co-heirs with Christ.** (Galatians 4:4-7)

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 REGENT SQUARE
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Adam DeVries

CALL TO CONFESSION Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Emmanuel,
we confess that we fail to live in Your light.
You graciously reveal Yourself to us,
but we refuse to recognize our eyes have seen salvation.
You give generously to us,
but we hoard even in our abundance.
You offer us saving love,
but we do not share Your forgiveness with others.
You claim us as Your children,
but we deny You as our Abba God.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Grant that we may see You clearly,
and in recognizing Your presence with us,
that we may boldly speak according to Your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(A moment for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Adam DeVries

**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

Cadman Yarbrough
 Isaiah 61:10–11, *page 692*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Adam DeVries
 Luke 2:22–40, *page 59*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 134

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

SERMON

Adam DeVries

Speak About the Child

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(8:30) Sandra Randleman
 (11:00) Stuart Gordon

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, *page 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Love Came Down

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas, stars and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all men, love for plea, and gift and sign.

(Christina Rossetti)

(11:00)

PERSONENT HODIE

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us; Him the Father gave us.

Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth;
when He came down to earth Bethlehem saw His birth;
ox and ass beside Him from the cold would hide Him.

Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

God's bright star, o'er His head, wise men three to Him led;
kneel they low by His bed,
lay their gifts before Him, praise Him and adore Him.

Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us; peace and love He gave us.

Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 546

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Adam DeVries

*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

J.S. Bach

In dulci jubilo

* Those who are able, please stand

† Latecomers may be seated

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

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

Hayden Kirkland, Cross Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor

Raphael Bundage, Sanctuary Choir Conductor

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.

Are there angels in the Sanctuary?

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

(Hebrews 13:2)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FIVE THIRTY** — Josh Rodriguez is preaching *Even in the Pots and Pans* tonight in The Gathering Place. Nursery care: six weeks to age three.
- **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 on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.
- **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.
- **LOGOS CLASS** — This winter in the Logos Class, Executive Pastor Stuart Gordon will lead an exploration of corporate prayer, with the guidance of eleven Psalms. The study includes an invitation for those who love our nation and yearn for its vitality to engage in regular group prayer. Class meets in Stanford Chapel each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. *Where Your Treasure Is* will be the focus from January 14 through March 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

- **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:
 - Sarah & Michael Heim, on the birth of their daughter, Georgia Alexandra Heim, born on December 13. Proud grandparents are Patricia & Don Heim.
- **SYMPATHY** — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:
 - Jackie & De Thompson IV, Diana & Marvin Wilker and Carolyn & Jim Beckner, on the death of De, Diana and Carolyn's mother, Diana Roberts Thompson, who died on December 21. Sympathy also to Mary Britton & Jody Cummings, Jamee & De Thompson V, Margaret & John Thompson, Jacqueline & McClain Towery, Libba & Niel Alden, Laura Alden, Scott Alden, Katharine & Bryan Mosher, Diana Beckner, Jack Beckner, Helen & Jack McDaniel, Kelli & Bill Cherry and Elizabeth & Charles Barrett.

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.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **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 TODAY** — 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 on January 15! 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, Indiana: February 16–18
- HS to Black Mountain, North Carolina: February 23–25

■ **SKI TRIP PARENT INFO MEETINGS** are January 28, where you will get release forms, trip info, answers to questions and more!

- High School Ski Trip Parent Meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall.
- Junior High Ski Trip Parent Meeting at noon for lunch in The Gathering Place. RSVP for lunch to youth@fpcnashville.org.

*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!
- **CENTER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — L-201 at 9:45 A.M. led by Steve and Mary Lee Bartlett, Warner McNeilly and Allison Milam.
- **THE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Jones Session Room at 9:45 A.M. led by a rotation of members and pastors.

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.*

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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



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