



DECEMBER 16, 2018  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*  
("Sleepers, Wake!" a Voice Astounds Us)

J.S. Bach

†INTROIT

(11:00)

*Glory to God*

GLORIA

(Congregation to join choir singing the refrain.)

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

My soul magnifies God, Alleluia!

Alleluia, rejoice in God, Alleluia!

*Refrain*

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Holy, holy, alleluia, alleluia!

*Refrain*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Adam DeVries

(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed:

**People: The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill the promise:

**People: I will cause a branch to spring up from David;  
and He shall execute justice and righteousness.**

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 106

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Todd Jones

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Desire of nations, bind**

**all peoples in one heart and mind;**

**bid envy, strife, and discord cease;**

**fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Adam DeVries  
(11:00) Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,  
You come to us in ever-new and surprising ways.  
Forgive us for the times  
when we ignore Your presence,  
or when we fail to look for You  
in the living of our days.  
Give to us eyes that recognize Your presence,  
and ears that listen carefully for Your word.  
Most of all, cleanse our hearts  
of any bitterness or apathy  
that would keep us from following Your call.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.  
(A moment for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS  
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 AND SACRAMENT

*Children are invited to come to the front for the baptisms.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30)

Todd Jones

Evelyn Claire Watlington and William David Watlington are  
presenting themselves for baptism. Assisting Elder: Marie Maxwell

(11:00)

Todd Jones

Caroline & Lee Noel Jr. are presenting their daughter, Brooke  
Bagwell Noel, for baptism. Assisting Elders: Barbara & Fred Fisher

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as  
6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of  
Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

‡ 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

Amy Gilmore  
Zephaniah 3:14–20, *page 877*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones  
Luke 1:26–38, *page 56*

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Magnificat*

Peter Moger

6 With Ma- ry let my soul re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ and praise God's  
10 ho - ly name, \_\_\_\_\_ his sav - ing  
love from first to last, \_\_\_\_\_ from age to age, the same! \_\_\_\_\_

*Choir and congregation are invited to sing on the refrain.*

*Refrain*

How strong His arm, how great His power!  
The proud He will disown;  
the meek and humble He exalts to share His glorious throne.  
The rich our God will send away and feed the hungry poor.  
God's arms of love are open wide at mercy's open door.

*Refrain*

So shall God's promise be fulfilled, to Israel firmly made:  
a child is born, a Son is given, whose crown will never fade.  
Glory to the Father, to the Son, and Spirit now proclaim;  
with Mary let the world rejoice, and praise God's holy name!

*Refrain*

SERMON

*Angels We Have Heard on High:  
Gabriel and Mary*

Todd Jones

**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

(8:30)

*What Sweeter Music*

Michael Fink

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heav'nly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Heart, ear and eye and ev'rything.  
Awake! the while the active finger  
runs division with the singer.  
What sweeter music can we bring?

(11:00)

*Glory to God*  
(from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

There were shepherds abiding in the field,  
keeping watch over their flocks by night.  
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them,  
and they were sore afraid.  
And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people,  
for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
which is Christ the Lord."  
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly  
host, praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace on earth, good will towards men."

\*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING FORTH**

HYMN 145

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**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!**

\*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 congregational response.*

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  
Savior of the Nations, Come*

\* 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 Ministry
- Candle Lighting:  
(8:30) The Collier Family: Hal & Edie; Joe, Beth, Jake & Ruth  
Bowers; Jasper, Jennifer, Luke & Kate Richardson  
(11:00) The Jones, King and Blasek Families: Todd & Connie Jones;  
Connie King; Kevin, Sarah, Keller, MaryGriffith & Eva Cate Blasek
- Esperance Ndayizere, Cross Bearer
- Theodore Anderson, Bible Bearer
- Isaac Shapiro, (8:30) Baptism Buddy
- Ada Shapiro, (8:30) Worship Helper
- Thompson Adams, (11:00) Baptism Buddy
- Graham Settle, (11:00) Worship Helper
- Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
- Nicholas Bergin, Organist
- Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
- Ryan Casey, Guitar
- Daphne Garey, Soprano; Sam Levine, Soprano Saxophone;
- Glen Wanner, String Bass
- (11:00) Sunday School Choir: Jerry Monds, Director; Derek Meler, Tenor

**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**

- **FLOWERS** — Flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Kathryn Haley Stillings and Winston Nesbitt Voigt.
- **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.
- We will no longer have a 9:30 A.M. worship service on December 23.

■ **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](http://fpcnashville.org).

*Need help? Have a question? Visit the Hospitality Center  
in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.*

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2019?** — Make your pledge online today on our website homepage or text “Generosity” to 707-475-3005.

■ **ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — Join us for the last remaining breakfast in Courtenay Lounge on December 19 at 7:00 a.m. Cost \$5. Bill Caruso will be leading.

■ **SERVICE OF HOPE** — Join us today at 12:20 P.M. in Stanford Chapel for a service led by Stephen Ministers. The service will have a time for scripture reading, prayer and the lighting of candles of hope. The service is a ministry for people who are going through challenging times and those who would like to pray for others.

■ **FIVE THIRTY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** — Today at 5:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Come laugh and experience the Christmas Story in a way you have never heard before!

■ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** — Our Christmas Eve family service will be at 5:00 P.M. and the candlelight services will be at 8:00 and 11:00 P.M.

■ **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** — As we celebrate the good news of great joy this Christmas season—that a Savior has been born unto us—may our gifts bear joyful witness to God’s uncontainable love. Gifts will be received at all services on Sunday, December 23, by way of special offering envelopes in the bulletin. Your gifts will be equally distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic schools and colleges.

■ **DIVORCECARE** — Our next DivorceCare group begins on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 P.M. in the Memorial Library. Dinner is available in Courtenay Hall at 5:30 P.M. with reservation by calling 615-298-9502.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — An Inquirers Class will be held on January 6, 13, 27, February 3 and 10 during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church, you are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **FIND A GREATER SENSE OF PURPOSE AT WORK** — Beginning January 9, join us in a discussion about expressing your faith at work on Wednesdays at the Freeman-Webb Building or on Fridays in the Service Source Building.

■ **FOUR GENS IN A ROOM** — On Wednesday nights from January 9 to February 13, you are invited to join our pastors from different generations for a discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. The aim is to strengthen our relationships across the generations while we learn more about the faith heritage we have received from earlier generations.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — If you need a quiet place for nursing or calming your baby, please use the Quiet Room by Courtenay Hall.

The Quiet Room door has been relocated to inside the Nursery Wing to ensure safety and convenience for our families with the littlest ones.

■ **REGISTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP** — We invite children ages four, five or six as of August 15, 2018 (not in first grade) to join Mr. Mickey or Ms. Deb during the 8:30 or 11:00 worship service. Register online. See below for more info about YC&W.

■ **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 four, five or six (not in first 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](mailto:dobrien@fpcnashville.org).*

## MISSION MINISTRY

■ **RETURN YOUR GIFTS TODAY TO SUE FORT WHITE FOR THE COMFORT AND JOY PROJECT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** — Sue is also accepting names of FPC members who will serve as last-minute Angel Shoppers for children placed into emergency foster care shortly before Christmas. Contact Sue Fort White at 615-218-8977 with any questions.

■ **CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED** — We are collecting donations for our Room in the Inn guests and the Downtown Presbyterian Church clothing closet. Items needed most are new socks and boxer shorts and other clean, gently used clothing, coats, gloves, scarves, belts, hand warmers, backpacks, etc. A donation box is in the Hospitality Center hall.

■ **HOST A NIGHT FOR ROOM IN THE INN** — We need overnight hosts on Wednesday nights to stay in the Cannon Center from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (with captain's assistance). Also needed: van drivers, quick breakfasts, sandwiches for sack lunch (both dropped off the night before) and laundry. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall, or sign up on our website under the Missions tab.

■ **EAST AFRICA MISSION TRIP** — Trip dates are June 28–July 10, 2019. Join Stu Ross in construction work on churches/schools and visits to mission projects supported by FPC in Kenya. Trip leader will be Michael Baron. The trip cost is estimated to be \$5,000; a \$1,500 deposit and copy of your passport are due by March 1, 2019. Please contact Annette Crout with any questions.

■ **JAMAICA MISSION TRIP** — February 9–15, 2019. In addition to needing dentists, we will also need a group to help with a construction project in expanding our sister church, the Ebenezer Church. Trip costs will be approximately \$1,300–\$1,400. Registration and a deposit of \$800 is now due. J.T. Martin is the trip leader.

*For Mission Ministry or mission trip financial assistance information, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or [missions@fpcnashville.org](mailto:missions@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

- **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPPORTUNITY** — Join Josh Rodriguez, starting today, for a review and discussion of two books: *Love Wins* and *Erasing Hell*. Class will meet in OHS room L-201.
- **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — Join us December 16, 30, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in Memorial Library. We will be discussing Rob Bell's book *Love Wins*.
- **ME MORNINGS** — Join us from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Thursdays in The Gathering Place beginning January 17.
- **CENTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in Beth Singer's home. Led by Beth Singer.
- **CENTER MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Led by Josh Rodriguez.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact  
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or [jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org).*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

- **PASSION CONFERENCE** is January 2–4, 2019 in Atlanta. Seniors register now!
- **JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP** — January 16–18, 2019. Sign up online today!

*For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or [youth@fpcnashville.org](mailto:youth@fpcnashville.org).*

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

- **SENIOR PICKLEBALL** — We will have courts and equipment available on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. in the Enrichment Center.

*For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.*

## RECREATION MINISTRY

- **WINTER CAMP** — Oak Hill Day Camp will host a winter camp January 2–4 for children grades K–6! Camp will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Complimentary early and after care available. Lunch included. \$75/day. Registration available online under Registration and on the Recreation page.
- **VOLUNTEER WITH OUR EQUINE PROGRAM** — Our therapeutic horseback riding program is currently seeking volunteers to serve as horse leaders and side walkers. No horse experience is necessary. The program hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If interested, contact Curt Stacy at [cstacy@fpcnashville.org](mailto:cstacy@fpcnashville.org) or call 615-298-9583.

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller  
at [bmiller@fpcnashville.org](mailto:bmiller@fpcnashville.org).*

