



DECEMBER 23, 2018
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

Angels We Have Heard On High

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Stuart Gordon

(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: Come, let us worship God this day.
Let us bring our hopes and longings,
our joy and sadness, all that we are to this act of worship.

**People: Let us step into God's new world
and taste the poetry of promise and peace.**

Leader: The desert shall bloom abundantly,
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and thirsty ground springs of water.

**People: Water shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.**

**All: A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way,
and the redeemed shall walk upon it.**

†*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.

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
The captives from their prison free,
And conquer death's deep misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, light of the world,
Who caused light to shine out of darkness
with the advent of Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem;
You work continually to open to us
ever new ways to receive the Christ.
We confess our fear of dark places,
and our hesitancy to walk in the light
that shines in the darkness of our world.
We have failed to look up,
to open our eyes to the needs of others,
and our feet have wandered from the paths of peace and joy.
We ask today that the Spirit of Jesus
would be born anew within us,
that our hearts would be stirred
to wonder and glory in Jesus' Nativity,
with acts of kindness, mercy, justice and compassion.
In Christ's name 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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE WORD

Children are invited to come to the front for children's time.

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Stuart Gordon
(11:00) Adam DeVries

‡ 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

(8:30) Jordan Zeigler
(11:00) Eliza Milne
Micah 5:2-5a, page 865

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS

Todd Jones
Matthew 1:18-25, page 1

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

SERMON

Todd Jones

*Angels We Have Heard on High:
Joseph's Angelic Dream*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(debts) Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

Before the Marvel of this Night

Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night
adoring, fold your wings and bow,
then tear the sky apart with light
and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
that fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing gift of peace!
Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
a teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!
The love that we have always known,
our constant joy and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown,
now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love
that rules our universe above: Sing love, sing God is love!

(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 Ministry

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Smith Family: Chip, Mary Loch, Sam; Robert & Polly;

Mary Daniel Smith & Drew Danieley

(11:00) The Bellardo Family: Lewis, Denise, Sarah & Joseph

Jackson Stone, (8:30) Cross Bearer

Giséle Kirezi, (11:00) Cross Bearer

Hawkins Russell, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Jeff Bailey, Trumpet

Preston Bailey, Trumpet

Jennifer Kummer, French Horn

Prentiss Hobbs, Trombone

Neil Kenouchi, Tuba

Joshua Hickman, 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

■ **FLOWERS** — Flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Susanna McKamey Payne and Glenard Clayton Guyor Jr. and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James White.

■ **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

- **HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2019?** — Make your pledge online today on our website homepage or text “Generosity” to 707-475-3005.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Josh Rodriguez will be preaching his sermon *God Was Alive and Among Them*. Nursery care will be provided.
- **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 today, 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.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 6 following the morning worship services, to hear the report of the Associate Nominating Committee and their candidate nomination for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement.
- **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 room inside the Nursery Wing.
- **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.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ **CONGRATULATIONS** — The First Presbyterian Church family congratulates:

- Christian & Dave Garvey, on the birth of their son, Jacob Andrew Garvey, born on September 15. Proud grandparents are Alice Christian & Mitch Israel, Steve Wash and Jody & Kevin Garvey.

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

- Marsha Ann Stubbs, on the death of her sister, Myrtis Lee McNeal, who died on December 11.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ **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 9–16, 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. The deadline for registration and deposit of \$800 is December 30. J.T. Martin is the trip leader. Please contact missions@fpcnashville.org with any questions.

■ **MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** — Financial Assistance is available for members to participate in any church sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

For Mission Ministry or mission trip financial assistance information, contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.

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 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.

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.

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 ctstacy@fpcnashville.org or call 615-298-9583.

For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller at bmiller@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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| Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd S. Adams | Dr. Henry S. Fusner |
| Elsie & Gus Altenbern | Brenda Geise |
| Woodrow L. Amos | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gernert |
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| Dr. Richard B. Fort Jr. | Matthew Pasquale |
| Sandra St. Claire Franklin | Rosemary Pasquale |
| Cy Fraser | Jane Clayton Pate |

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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