



DECEMBER 9, 2018  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY C.A. McClure

*Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Come, O come, Immanuel.  
We await Your coming, Lord Jesus.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Josh Rodriguez

Leader: Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

**People: The farmer waits for the precious crop  
from the earth, being patient with it  
until he receives the early and the late rains.**

Leader: You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

**People: In returning and rest shall be your strength.  
In quietness and in trust shall be your salvation.**

(from the the Letter of James)

†\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 BESANÇON

*People, Look East*

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Josh Rodriguez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our Maker and Master,  
we confess that we do not always live as if this were so.  
You call us to put You first,  
and we are too caught up in our own lives  
to listen, much less obey.  
You wait patiently for us,  
but we have failed to watch and to wait  
for Your promised coming.**

**Forgive us our many mistakes,  
and embrace us with tender mercy,  
so that we may be at one with You once again  
and behold Your glory revealed in this season of waiting  
by the birth of God into the world.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(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**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME                      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

**Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING                      Will Growdon  
Malachi 3:1-4, *page 889*

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING                      Todd Jones  
Luke 1:8-23, *page 56*

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

SERMON                      Todd Jones

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

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Stuart Gordon  
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)                      Hymnal, *page 35*

OFFERTORY

Carolyn Jennings

*Climb To the Top of the Highest Mountain*

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,  
 Joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice,  
 Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
 He will feed His flock like a shepherd,  
 He will carry the lambs in His arms,  
 He will ever keep them safe from harm.  
 He who made the stars in the heaven,  
 He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal,  
 He was Alpha and Omega. Behold, your Lord!  
 He will come in power and glory,  
 He will rule with mercy and truth,  
 Hope of the nations, Light of all the world,  
 He will love the little children,  
 He will hold them in His arms.  
 Love Him and trust Him as a child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

\*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.**

HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

**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 congregational response.*

\* 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

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry

Candle Lighting:

(8:30) The Petree Family: Chip, Tucker, Walter & George

(11:00) The Kirkland Family: Chris, Beth, Bonner & Hayden

Reagan McMullen, Cross Bearer

Mary Austin McMullen, Bible Bearer

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Psalmody Vocalists and Instrumentalists; Carol McClure, Director

Claire Boling, Soprano

**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 Molly Stuart Campbell and Andrew James Downing Jr. and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. F. Shearer Irvin, Grace Wilson Irvin and Mr. & Mrs. Decatur B. Campbell Jr.

■ **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](http://fpcnashville.org).

*“Two are better than one.” Make new friends by being a Worship Friend!  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)*

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER** — For those of you who have already participated in this year's Generosity Campaign, thank you! If you would like to give to the mission of our church, you can do so by committing or giving online or by texting "Generosity" to 707-475-3005. For more info, read our Story of Generosity under the Giving tab on our website.

■ **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Ashley Higgins will be delivering her sermon, *The Apostles Were on Their Way*. Nursery care will be provided.

■ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING** — Join us on Tuesday, December 11 for our Christmas program and lunch. The program begins at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary. The luncheon begins at 11:30 A.M. in Courtenay Hall. The cost is \$20. Register online.

■ **ADVENT BREAKFASTS** — Join us for the two remaining breakfasts on December 12 and 19 at 7:00 A.M. Stuart Gordon will lead on December 12 and Bill Caruso will lead on December 19.

■ **SERVICE OF HOPE** — Join us on December 16 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 lighting of candles of hope. The service is a ministry for people who would like to pray for others.

■ **FIVE THIRTY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** — Sunday, December 16 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 are at 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

■ **ROOTED IN CHRIST: RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP** — Join us February 1–2 for an awe-inspiring relationship seminar and workshop featuring world-renowned author and Enneagram scholar Ian Cron. Register on our website under the Events tab.

■ On December 23 there will be three morning worship services: 8:00 A.M.; 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School Classes will not meet on that day.

## 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

■ **COMFORT AND JOY PROJECT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** — Please return your gifts for Davidson County foster children no later than Sunday, December 16 to Sue Fort White. Sue is also accepting names of FPC members who will serve as last-minute Angel Shoppers for children placed into emergency foster care. Contact Sue Fort White at 615-298-8977 or [suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com](mailto:suefortwhite@ourkidscenter.com) 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 Welcome 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 is 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. The deadline for registration and deposit of \$800 is December 15. 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).*

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ **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.

■ **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

### ■ GRADE-LEVEL CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

- **8th Grade:** Today from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Kirklands'
- **9th Grade:** Today from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. at the Zeiglers'
- **11th Grade:** Today from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Griffins'
- **12th Grade:** December 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Singers'

■ **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).*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

■ **SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — Today at 4:00 P.M., the Sanctuary Choir will present its annual Christmas concert, *Glory to God in the Highest*. Led by Raphael Bundage and accompanied by orchestra, the choir will sing well-loved music by Mendelssohn and Handel and lesser-known works by Gerald Finzi and Arthur Honegger; they will also lead the congregation in several familiar carols.

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

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

■ **FIRST FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY** — December 13 in Courtenay Hall. Register online for the Christmas buffet. At 11:30 A.M. Bill Kirby will present a musical revue of his life; at 12:15 P.M. we will enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner; at 1:00 P.M. Todd Jones will discuss David McCullough's *John Adams*.

*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).*

### **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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