

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY OF



December 12, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 12, 2021 *Third Sunday of Advent*

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Magnificat

Dietrich Buxtehude

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jack & Robin Emmert

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Let us pray together.

People: Faithful God, we are glad for your promises to us.
We trust that the time is coming when all people
will experience comfort, wholeness and liberty.
May we do our part to bring your good news of
great joy to all. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

*HYMN NO. 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Leader: When our spirits despair and we deny our
blessedness,

People: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we ignore the mighty things you have done,
when we doubt your mercy,

People: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we are proud in the thoughts of our hearts,

People: When our power rests on the oppression of others,

Leader: When our wealth causes others to go hungry,

All: Forgive us, O God.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 23

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Spirit of God, Light of the World, through the reading of your Holy Word, may the power of the Most High overshadow us that we might open our hearts to the yearnings of your creation, that we might seek to reconcile, to restore, and to believe that one day Christ will come again in glory to transform the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort, O My People arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Comfort, comfort, O my people, tell of peace, now says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load.*

*Speak unto Jerusalem; speak of peace that waits for them;
tell that all their sins I cover; tell that warfare now is over.*

*Hark, the herald's voice is calling in the dessert far and near,
bidding us to make repentance since the kingdom now is here.*

*O that warning cry obey: Now prepare for God away;
let the valleys rise to meet him; let the hills bow down to greet him.*

*O make straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.*

*See the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
all the world shall see this token, God's own word is never broken.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Rev. Sherard Edington

SERMON

The World Is About to Turn

Michael Schulte

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

(SEE INSERT)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 455** *All Creatures of Our God and King*
(vs.1,2,5,6)

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

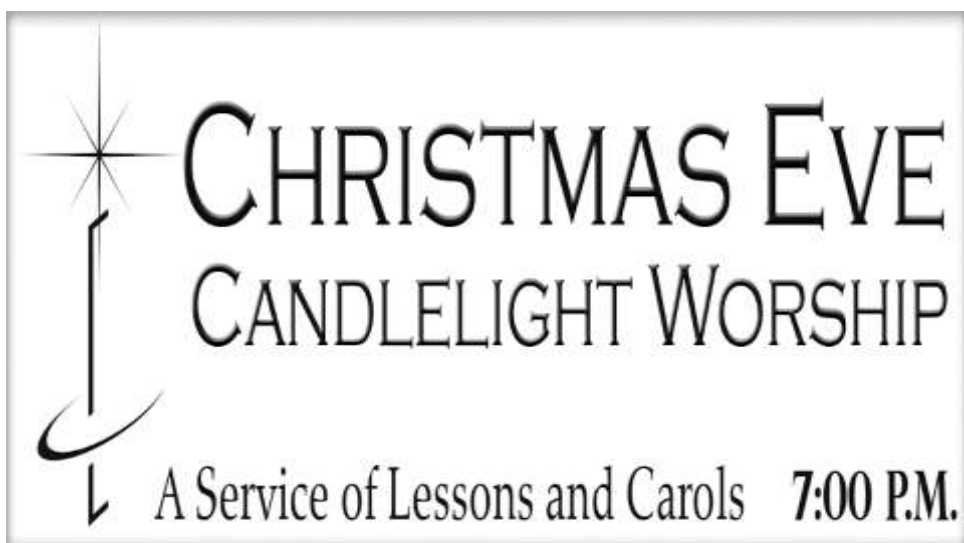
Hymn no. 44

*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.*

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on "Ave Maris Stella"

Flor Peeters



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
A Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO ACCESS WIFI go to FPC_wifi and enter password 6154441360.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE – On Sunday, December 26, there will be one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School that day. The normal schedule will resume on January 2.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Brianna Hatter, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., Allen Vance, and Lyse Watson.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

All are welcome to attend our service of Lessons & Carols featuring the FPC Choir and guest musicians. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies.

Cookie donations are always appreciated.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Join us Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. for our youth Christmas party! There will be gingerbread houses, cookie decorating, and more. Friends are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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