

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY OF



December 13, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 13, 2020 *Third Sunday of Advent*

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

When Nowell Cometh

Gabriel's Message

Louis-Claude d'Aquin

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

George & Nancy Gebhardt

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

Let us pray together.

People: (unison) 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. 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of creation, we recognize that we are wonderfully made. However, we confess that in our arrogance we reckon ourselves to be grander than we are. Frequently, we convince ourselves that we must be equal with you.

We presume that our plans must be your plans, that our dreams are your dreams.

Forgive us our conceit and direct us to be your humble servants. Inspire us to magnify your holy name in this broken world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new. Friends, this is the Good News.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Hymn No. 23

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM *Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling* Richard Shepherd

*Hark! a herald voice is calling: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!:
Wakened by the solemn warning, Let her earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiv'n.
So when next he comes in glory, Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heav'n appear.
And with words of love draw near.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:18-29

And now, O Lord God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it forever; do as you have promised.

SERMON

Teach Us To Pray: David

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

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. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 44

*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.*

POSTLUDE

Foreigner's Nowell

Louis-Claude d'Aquin

ORGAN NOTES – Louis-Claude Daquin (1694 – 1772) was a French composer of Jewish ancestry, writing in the Baroque and Galant styles.

Daquin was a musical child prodigy. He performed for the court of Louis XIV at the age of six. At the age of 12, he became organist at the Sainte-Chapelle, and in the following year took a similar post at the Church of Petit Saint Antoine. In 1722 he married Denise-Thérèse Quirot.

Louis-Claude Daquin never lacked for work as an organist. In 1727 he was appointed organist at the Church of Saint Paul in Paris. Five years later, Daquin succeeded his teacher Marchand as organist at the Church of the Cordeliers. In 1739 he became organist to King Louis XV at the Chapelle Royale. In 1755 he was made titular organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral.

By reputation a dazzling performer at the keyboard, Daquin was courted by the aristocracy, and his great expertise at the organ drew large crowds to hear him. He was known for his "unflinching precision and evenness" at both the organ and harpsichord.

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner December 16, 6:00 p.m.

*Honeybaked Ham & Rolls, Twice Mashed Potatoes,
Broccoli Casserole, Eggnog Cake*

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Steven Wyatt to Sally and Paul Thaxton on December 9. Proud grandmother is Brenda Edington.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS – Poinsettias will once again decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve worship service. If you would like to purchase a plant as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please call or email the church office. The list of dedicated plants will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20. The cost of each poinsettia is \$16. The deadline to place an order is Monday, December 14.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – Due to the continuing coronavirus situation, Compassionate Hands will use only two shelters this winter. We will continue to provide bedding, breakfast, and do the laundry for the women on Saturday nights. To volunteer with this vital community outreach, contact the church office.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) – Youth will resume on January 20.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Advent Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Take Out Meal
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday



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Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	

DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
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CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
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STAFF

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

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