

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, December 30 - First Sunday After Christmas

8:45 am First Pres Cafe - Gathering Space
10:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, December 31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
FACILITIES CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Happy New Year!

FACILITIES CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2

No Events

Thursday, January 3

8:00 am Breakfast Club - 030
6:30 pm Arise! Praise Band - Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 4

NO EVENTS

Saturday, January 5

10:45 am - Men's Bible Study - 029

Sunday, January 6

EPIPHANY

8:15 am Communion Worship - Chapel
8:45 am First Pres Cafe - Gathering Space
9:00 am Lecture Series - 009
9:05 am Arise! Worship - Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Education for All Ages
10:00 am Faith and Family - 029
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:00 pm AIM Band Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
5:30 am Church-Wide Movie Night - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Sr. High Fellowship - 005

ORDER OF WORSHIP THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



DECEMBER 30, 2018

10:00 A.M.

*The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of quiet preparation as the music begins.*

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
Pastorale on *"Gesu Bambino"*

Paul Laubengayer
Pietro Yon

We Address Ourselves to God

***Call to Worship**

inspired by Psalm 103

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to his children's children,

**People: To those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

Leader: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**People: Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to God's spoken word.
Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

***Carol**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 113

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*The people joining*)

Gracious and Loving God, we confess our sins to you. As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are too often distracted by the busyness of the season. We forget the depth of the true message you long for us to birth forth into the world. Remind us of your nearness, your love, and your care. Keep our hearts open to the needs of our neighbors all around us whether next door, across the street, or around the world. Give us the courage to be the hope, love, peace, and joy you wish to offer to all people through your son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the green insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Lessons and Carols

(please remain seated during the Carols)

Lesson I

Isaiah 11:1-9

Pew Bibles, p. 640, O.T.
Alyssa Mitchell

Carol

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
(stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

Hymn No. 123

Lesson II

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bibles, p. 1, N.T.
Daniel Martin

Carol

“The Snow Lay on the Ground”

Hymn No. 116

Lesson III

Luke: 1:26-38

Pew Bibles, p. 56, N.T.
Megan and Evan Cleveland

Carol

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Hymn No. 128

Lesson IV

Luke: 2:1-14

Pew Bibles, p. 58, N.T.
Hazel Shipley

Carol

“What Child Is This”

Hymn No.145

Lesson V

Luke: 2:15-20

Pew Bibles, p. 58, N.T.
Brian Mackenzie

Carol

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Hymn No. 117

We Respond to God’s Word

Morning Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Voluntary

“La Nativite”

Jean Langlais

*In a humble manger, on a still night,
Mary and Joseph awaited the birth of Christ our Lord.
The child was born in Bethlehem,
as foretold by the heavenly angel who appeared to the shepherds.
The shepherds who came to the manger
offered the Baby Jesus symbols of their adoration and their sweetest songs.
The Holy Family found calmness in the peace of the Lord.*

*Doxology

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

Hymn No. 136

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Carol

“Joy to the World!”

Hymn No. 134

*Benediction

Organ Postlude

Grand Fantasia on “Joy to the World”

Marc Cheban

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Karen L. Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Youth of First Presbyterian Church

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers:

John Clark, Stephanie Klein Corray, Mackenzie Corray, Eve Fonseca,
Julie Jackson, Jane Paniello, Randy Paniello, Gwen Rogers
Bob Schneider, Usher Captain

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