

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION  
DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH  
BWV 659

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

COME THOU, O LOVER OF MY SOUL  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

GORDON YOUNG

Come thou, O lover of my soul, and dwell within my heart forever and ever.  
Bide with me forever. Amen.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Voice 1: As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, we seek strength to claim hope.

Voice 2: In a world bent on violence and destruction,  
the call to hope is not a blessing of denial  
but rather a call to resistance.

Voice 1: Hope is seeing clearly without shrinking.  
Hope is seeing the blossom while knowing the thorn.  
Hope is seeing the fiery ashes and awaiting the phoenix.

All: On this first Sunday of Advent, we seek hope. (The first candle is lit.)

As we light a new Advent candle each week, our focus is drawn to the increasing light the candles generate throughout the season as we draw nearer to our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. This morning, Josh Gilhart and Eric Ringler light the candle of hope.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God, come among us.  
 Awaken us to your presence,  
 and fill us with your love.  
 Forgive us when our hunger for justice  
 gives way to our hunger for power.  
 Forgive us when our hope for peace  
 is swallowed by our fear of failure.  
 Forgive us when our songs of faith  
 are drowned out by the shouts of the world.  
 Advent God, come among us,  
 and make all things new...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

KYRIE ELEISON #103

COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE (verse 4)

“O-So-So”

Come, hope of unity; make us one body.  
 Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE #132

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE (verse 3)

“IN DULCI JUBILO”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
 Call you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
 And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 694

*After the reading:* Heaven and earth will pass away  
 but the word of the Lord stands forever.  
 Thanks be to God.

The tune of the **response** dates to the 15th century. According to an old English legend, the angels sang it to the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Each Sunday during Advent, we hear from the **Old Testament prophets**, who describe the coming Messiah and his kingdom.

ANTHEM

THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown when thou camest to earth for me.  
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for thy holy nativity.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal degree.  
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth and in great humility.

When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing at thy coming to victory,  
let thy voice call me home, saying "yet, there is room, there is room at my side for thee."

*And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
and my heart shall rejoice when thou comest and callest me.*

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:25-36

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 80

*After the reading:* Heaven and earth will pass away  
but the word of the Lord stands forever.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO & SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #357

THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING

"LANGLOFFAN"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH  
BWV 661

\* AT THE PRESENTATION

These gifts we joyfully bring to you,  
to fill the world with meaning;  
our hearts and minds are longing for  
the life of which you are dreaming.  
This, this our gift we bring,  
our lives we share, your praise we sing;  
show us your vision, Lord,  
for hope, and peace, and caring.

"GREENSLEEVES"

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*(Sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you as we gather here  
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord your God.  
For it is right to give God our praise.  
Let us prepare our hearts for coming days:

The organ  
voluntaries are  
based on a  
German Lutheran  
tune dating from  
1524. Bach used  
the tune for one  
cantata and at  
least four organ  
preludes, two of  
which we hear  
today.

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Choir: You made all things and called them good,  
Made us like you, but we cast off your love.  
You set us free and claimed us as yours,  
Through sage and prophet spoke to us your word.

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Choir: O Holy God of power and might,  
Bless'd be the one who comes in your name,  
Hosanna in the highest, God!  
Hosanna in excelsis.

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Choir: Holy are you and blessed is your Son,  
Jesus, the Light, your presence here with us.  
You sent him in the fullness of time,  
He came to preach good news to all.

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrant: And on the night he was betrayed,  
Christ took the bread, and unto you gave thanks  
He broke the bread and shared it with friends.  
"Take, eat, my body given for you."

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrant: After the meal he lifted up the cup,  
"My blood, my life, I pour it out for you.  
This covenant I make anew.  
Set free from sin! Remember me!"

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Choir: Spirit of God descend upon us now,  
And make these gifts become for us.  
The body and the blood of Christ  
A holy, living sacrifice

**All:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The text of the communion liturgy was written by the Rev. Beth Quick, a United Methodist pastor serving in Liverpool, NY, in 2013.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*THE YEARNING*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

CRAIG COURTNEY

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,  
a yearning for tomorrow. There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One,  
the First-born of creation. There is a yearning for the Lord who visited his own,  
and by his death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.*  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.*

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing.  
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased  
and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")*

We thank you God of Mystery  
For sacred meal, community  
Send us forth now to share your light,  
Disciples of the One who gives us hope!  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* HYMN #83

*COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS*

"STUTTGART"

### MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

*(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)*

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* SUNG BENEDICTION #92

*WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (verse 1)*

"WAITING" (CASON)

*(The soloist will sing the Benediction, followed by all singing together.)*

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.**  
**Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**We will receive communion** in our seats this morning. As you pass the bread to your neighbor, please say, "The bread of heaven". As you pass the tray of cups to your neighbor, please say, "The cup of salvation."

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\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly  
Liturgist.....Hans Killius  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....David Stickler and Burt Heister

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **today immediately after worship** for the purpose of acting on Caroline's request that the Presbytery of Baltimore dissolve her pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland effective January 6, 2019.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **Sunday, December 9, 2018 immediately after worship**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect someone to fill an unexpired term of Chelsea Boor in the Session Class of 2021.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**11:00 AM - SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT and HOLY COMMUNION:** Worship will feature communion liturgy sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**11:00 AM - SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:** Worship will feature music from the Sanctuary Choir and will include "Cloth for the Cradle," a time for worshipers to lay strips of cloth in the manger as an action representing our preparation for the Christ child.

**12:00 PM - INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and an intergenerational gathering designed to prepare us for the birth of Christ. During lunch we will have conversation about our Christmas memories and favorite parts of the Christmas season. We will then choose an activity to help celebrate the season with others. After lunch, we will disburse to "hang the greens," bake cookies and prepare FSU cram packs.

**Cram Packs for FSU students** are designed to help the college students at Frostburg State University get through their exam week with some encouragement. We need your help collecting items to fill the packs. You may bring any of the following donations: a bag of nuts, pretzels, fruit, snacks, cookies, brownies, pencils, and energy bars. Please place all donations in the boxes by the parlor by Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**11:00 AM - SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:** Christmas Caroling at 10:45 AM, prior to worship. Come and sing your favorite holiday carols!

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

**7:00 PM - LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** For many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, and sadness. This service offers a way for people to deal with those feelings and still feel surrounded by the love of God. The service will feature music of Samuel Barber and Morten Lauridsen, led by Bryan Lohr and the Chancel Choir. Join us for a time of prayer, reflective music and candle lighting as we claim the promise of our faith this season.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**11:00 AM - SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:** Worship will feature music from the West Virginia Brass Quintet.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** On **Sunday, December 23**, our congregation will be donating to the Christmas Joy Offering. Here is some information about how our gifts to this offering were used in 2017:

Income supplements from the Board of Pensions helped 312 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves.

Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color are the first in their families to enroll in higher education.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**7:45PM - SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT:** We will celebrate the birth of Christ with a traditional Christmas Eve service that includes communion, candle lighting and Christmas music. The service will feature traditional, familiar favorites for organ, piano, flute, and voices.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018, 11:00AM: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**11:00AM - SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:** Worship will feature Christmas Lessons and Carols.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Monday, December 24, 2018- Open until Noon

Tuesday, December 25, 2018- Closed

Wednesday, December 26, 2018- Closed

Thursday, December 27, 2018- Open until Noon by Volunteer

Friday, December 28, 2018- Open until Noon by Volunteer

Monday, December 31, 2018- Closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2018- Closed

Wednesday, January 2, 2018- Open until Noon by Volunteer

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at [www.fpc-cumberland.org](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland). Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

**THE PRAY-GROUND** is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

**FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES:** (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

**WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE:** To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of Herman and Ruth Koegel from Ann, John and Kittie. **There are flower openings for December 9 and 16! Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of November 25, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 199,498.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 187,512.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 11,985.00

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 26, 2017  
64

November 25, 2018  
51

**PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2019** are available in the pews and extras can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship a few weeks ago, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

**2018 YEAR END GIVING:** Thanks for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church during 2018. Remember that **year-end contributions must be received by the church no later than Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to qualify as 2018 contributions for tax purposes.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**JOIN US FOR A PAINT PARTY:** The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a Paint Party on Sunday, December 16th from 1:00 - 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lita Havens, a local artist, will lead us through the process of two art projects, a small watercolor and a larger acrylic painting. The paintings will be Christmas or winter themed. This event is \$20.00, which covers all supplies. We will provide coffee, tea, and some light refreshments. Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share. RSVP and payment required by Friday, December 7, to Brittany Jackson in the church office. If you have any questions, please email Laura Fiscus at [lfiscusallegany@gmail.com](mailto:lfiscusallegany@gmail.com).

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Hurricane Michael struck the Florida panhandle with devastating winds and storm surge, causing loss of life. The storm then cut a path across the southeast, moving through the same areas impacted by Hurricane Florence. Also, PDA is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wildfires in California. You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by praying, taking action and by offering financial support. For those wishing to offer financial support, please place PDA Hurricane Michael or PDA California fires in the memo section of your check.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

**CRÈCHES NEEDED:** On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season. This year, we'd like to display crèches in the church windows. If you have a nativity scene that you would be willing to lend the church for a few weeks, please bring it to the sanctuary on December 9<sup>th</sup>. You can also drop off your crèche before the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please put it in a bag (with your name on the bag) and leave with Brittany. All crèches can be picked up in early January.



**THE GREAT CHRISTMAS RING:** You are invited to attend The Great Christmas Ring hosted by our very own JoyBells on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00PM in the sanctuary. Contact Julie Courtney for more information.

## Christmas Poinsettias 2018

WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR. If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office **by next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:45PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$6.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA". **Poinsettias are only available in red this year.**

Number of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$6.00 each

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia:

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate my poinsettia:

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of (Please circle one):

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your order no later than next Sunday.**

## REASON FOR THE SEASON

Once again it's time to celebrate the gift of God's Son. What better way to "pay that gift forward" than by alternative giving (though it shouldn't be "alternative" - it's what God expects of us). Through "Reason for the Season", our Mission Committee highlights certain causes, but any of the ministries this church supports could use your help. Please consider prayerfully which one(s) God is nudging you toward.

- **Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) of Pakistan's mission** is to improve Pakistan through quality education of Christian and Muslim students. Veda Gill, Executive Director of PEB, visited us this fall and updated us on PEB's progress. We currently support seven students at Kinnaird Academy in Lahore. A scholarship of approximately \$60/month means that students can continue their education for a better future for themselves and their country. [www.friendsofpeb.org](http://www.friendsofpeb.org)
- **Women Discovering New Roles and Support in Central America, CEDEPCA, is part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.** Protestant women throughout Central America are moving into new roles as leaders in their churches. Workshops, seminars and biblical reflection help these women as they assume opportunities and responsibilities among the people of God. The Baltimore Presbytery has a partnership with CEDEPCA in Guatemala.
- **Hunger Initiatives in Yemen are being sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program.** The tragic war in Yemen is causing a severe food shortage that threatens millions of lives. Fishing is the main livelihood, but without resources the men can't fish. This reduces meals to one per day, if that much. Nursing mothers are especially affected. By supplying fishing nets and lines to communities affected by conflict, there is again a source of nutritious food and an income.
- **CityReach Church's Hope Homes** in Cumberland minister to adults dealing with life-controlling issues or desperate situations who have a desire to change. It helps them discover their God-given destiny through discipleship-based recovery homes in a faith-filled, family setting. The emphasis is on transformation through the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Discipleship within the Hope Homes includes discipline, Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, community service projects, mentorship, work projects, and personal spiritual development.
- **Hope Against Heroin** is another local faith-based organization whose ministry is based on the fact that addiction is a disease which deeply impacts the addict, their family and community. Partnering with other organizations and churches, they give hope, educate the community about addiction, offer resources, and provide a safe, happy environment for children.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Work Project:** Last year a group of FPC volunteers went to West Virginia to aid in flood relief and found it to be such a rewarding experience that we would like to plan another mission trip for next year. Phil Mills has proposed to recruit a team to travel to New Bern, NC for a week to serve those who have lost so much due to Hurricane Florence. The group will need money for supplies for their project, registration and transportation, as well as other expenses. More information will detail the project as it develops. Contact Phil Mills if you are interested in signing up for this hands-on giving.
- Any of the other ministries that we support may also be an alternative gift, such as: Special Ministries; Union Rescue Mission; Interfaith Food Pantry; Family Crisis Resource Center; NAILS; Outreach Dinners; South Dakota Learning Camp; "This Child Here" in Ukraine; Juna Amagara in Uganda; Q Mountain in Lesotho; Mulanje Hospital in Malawi; Shanta Nepal, or Welfare Assoc. for Children in Tikapur (WACT) in Nepal; and others.

REASON FOR THE SEASON GIVING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your total amount payable to "First Presbyterian Church", marked "Reason for the Season".

Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) of Pakistan's mission	\$ _____
Women Discovering New Roles and Support in Central America	\$ _____
Hunger Initiatives in Yemen	\$ _____
CityReach Church's Hope Homes	\$ _____
Hope Against Heroin	\$ _____
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Work Project:	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

# Christmas Music Offering 2018

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL GIFT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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✂ \_\_\_\_\_  
If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2018" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, DECEMBER (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
7:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT SHIRLEY GIARRITTA'S HOME

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
6:15 PM CHRISTIANITY 101 STUDY IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER (8)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER (9)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)  
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE)  
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
12:00 PM CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
12:15 PM INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.
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Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015