

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY BAPTISM
DECEMBER 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

ARIETTA
SILENT NIGHT
WILL TURNER, PIANO

W. A. MOZART
F. X. GRUBER

We welcome **Wil Turner and his family** to worship today. Wil is a student of Bryan Lohr, and former student of Ann Rebeck.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION FROM 'MESSIAH'
BEAU HARTMAN, SOPRANO

G. F. HANDEL

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee.

He is the righteous savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Voice 1: In the height of our Advent walk, we seek wisdom to experience joy.

Voice 2: Violence and despair rise during this season
as we embrace the paradox that
the joy of birth comes from a place of pain.

Voice 1: Joy is receiving delight in the face of apathy.
Joy is receiving promise in the face of sorrow.
Joy is receiving hope in the face of uncertainty.

All: On this third Sunday of Advent, we seek joy.
(The first, second, and third candles are lit.)

* **HYMN #360**

CHRIST IS COMING!

“UNSER HERRSCHER”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have told us what we should do:
live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion.
Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways.
We have been claimed in the waters of baptism,
but we do not live as people redeemed.
We have been washed in waters of grace,
but we do not trust the depth of your love.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us, guide us, and call us to try again...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #103

COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE (verse 3)

“O-SO-SO”

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
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!
Calls 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

ISAIAH 12:2-6

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 603

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

ANTHEM

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. LINDA SCHOLES

As we light a new Advent candle each week, focus on 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, Bill, Ann, and Samuel Kellermeyer light the candle of Joy.**

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

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 3:7-18

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 56

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 THE WORD

* HYMN #96

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

"WINCHESTER NEW"

DEDICATION OF NEW PASCHAL CANDLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

JAMES IRVIN BURKETT AND CHRISTINE ELIZABETH KELLERMAYER

PRESENTATION

VOWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTIZING

BLESSING

RESPONSE #486

CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE (verses 1 and 4)

"STUTT GART"

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with Spirit's sign,
with this water God have sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Paschal is from the Greek word *pascha* ("Passover") and was used by the early church to describe the events of Easter. Following a tradition that dates back to the fourth century, we have placed a white candle near the font from Easter to Pentecost, and for baptisms and funerals, as a way of recalling our dying and rising with Christ.

Ruling Elder Carolyn Mathews and Samuel Kellermeyer are participating in the baptism today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

COME FLOOD THIS HEART OF MINE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

DAVID LANTZ III

Come flood this heart of mine with your great love divine.
Come quickly, Lord I pray, abide with us today.
Come flood this heart of mine with your great love divine.
Come flood this heart of mine with your pure joy divine.
Give to the earth this night your everlasting light.
Come flood this heart of mine with your pure joy divine.
Prepare my heart for the one who will come to earth.
God's son, who will come in a humble, lowly birth.
Prepare my heart for his presence in this place.
May my heart overflow with the fullness of his grace.
Come flood this heart of mine with your true light divine.
O come, Emmanuel, the darkness now dispel.
Come flood this heart of mine with your true light divine.

Many of us give our monetary **offering** weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

* AT THE PRESENTATION

"GREENSLEEVES"

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.

The response at the **presentation** of the gifts was written by Rev. Scott Cervas, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, (Lexington, KY) and set to the tune for "What Child Is This"

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #93

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

"TRURO"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #92

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME (verse 1)
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

"WAITING" (CASON)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

MARCH ON A THEME
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

HANDEL ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

* 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.....	Janet Hendershot
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....	Julie Courtney
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Sharon Squires and Elva Berry

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 and 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 (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 honor of all the JoyBell ringers who dedicate time and talents to this beautiful addition to worship, in memory of members passed, and in gratitude for families and individuals who have given bells and hand chimes to our church family. I am so blessed by you all, Julie Courtney. **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 December 9, 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	\$ 207,349.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 195,491.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 11,857.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

December 10, 2017
86

December 9, 2018
63

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 30th** in order to qualify as 2018 contributions for tax purposes.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **today** at **St. John's Lutheran Church on Arch Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, and/or help clean tables, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by Hurricane Michael and the California fires 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

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS RING: You are invited to attend The Great Christmas Ring hosted by our very own JoyBells on **today beginning at 4:00PM** in the sanctuary. Contact Julie Courtney for more information.

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.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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: Next Sunday, December 23, our congregation will be donating to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. By doing so, our gifts go to help past and present church workers receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenges. We will also be supporting Presbyterian racial ethnic schools that help prepare future church leaders. Please give generously!

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, 2019- Closed

Wednesday, January 2, 2019- Open until Noon by Volunteer

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 today.**

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
- **Women Discovering New Roles and Support in Central America, CEDEPCA**, in Guatemala, is a partner with the Baltimore Presbytery. One of its 4 projects is Women's Ministry. Faith-based activities empower women to understand their rights, take leadership roles, and begin or continue their formal education. One specific need is scholarships~ a full tuition for 1 month for 1 woman, taking the Women's Ministry courses and workshops, is \$32. Another need is textbooks~ \$60 for a student enrolled in a Women's Ministry class for 1 year.
- **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 _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, DECEMBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM CUMBERLAND MUSIC AND ARTS CLUB CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
7:00 PM LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM CHRISTIANITY 101 STUDY IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER (22)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER (23)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)
10:45 AM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE SANCTUARY
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WE WELCOME THE WEST VIRGINIA BRASS QUINTET!
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER