

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
 A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
 DECEMBER 30, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

I WONDER AS I WANDER
 NANCY HODGES, PIANO

C. E. WALZ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND 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.

* CAROL #140

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

"IRBY"

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19
 THE FIRST SIN AND ITS PUNISHMENT

SHARON KAZARY

CAROL #121

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

"ST. LOUIS"

SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22:15-18
 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

BOB KAZARY

The glass containers on the communion table are filled with stones containing words of grief which were collected during our Longest Night Service on December 19. We will keep these containers visible throughout the Christmas Season as a visual reminder that we bring all of who we are—grief included—into worship this season.

Genesis, meaning "origin," covers the time from creation to the Israelite sojourn in Egypt. The first reading is universal in nature, while the second relates to God's special relationship with Israel.

SOLO

THE HOLY BOY

JOHN IRELAND

GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

Lowly, laid in a manger, with oxen brooding nigh,
the heav'nly babe is lying, his maiden mother by.
Lo! The wayfaring sages, who journey'd far through the wild,
now worship, silent adoring, the boy, the heav'nly child.

Leave your work and your playtime and kneel in homage and prayer.

The Prince of Love is smiling, asleep in his cradle there!
Bend your hearts to the wonder, the birth, the mystery mild,
and worship, silent adoring, the boy, the heav'nly child.

Dim the light of the lantern, and bare the mean abode.

Yet gold and myrrh and incense proclaim the son of God.
Lowly laid in a manger by Virgin undefiled, come worship, silent, adoring,
the boy, the heav'nly child.

THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

REAGAN MARRALE

THE RIGHTEOUS REIGN OF THE COMING KING

* CAROL #123

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

"CAROL"

FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-4A, 6-9

JEFF GETTY

THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM

SOLO

LO, HOW A ROSE / THE ROSE

ARR. CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

ZACH AND MIKAYLA DODGE

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung.

Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed;
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as faithful prophets sung.

Some say love, it is a razor that leaves your soul to bleed;

If came, a flow'ret bright,

Some say love, it is a hunger; an endless, aching need;
Amid the cold of winter

I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed.

When half-spent was the night.

It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance;
It's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance;
It's the one who won't be taken, who cannot seem to give;
And the soul afraid of dying, that never learns to live.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,

When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long;
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.

And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong;
True man, yet very God,

Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snow;
From sin and death he saves us

Lies the seed, that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose.
And lightens every load.

The prophet **Isaiah** was active in the Southern Kingdom of Judah from 742 until 701 BCE, attacking social injustice as the source of trouble between God and God's people.

FIFTH LESSON	LUKE 1:26-35, 38 THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD	CHARLENE LELINSKI
* CAROL #99	MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD	"MORNING SONG"
SIXTH LESSON	LUKE 2:1-7 THE BIRTH OF JESUS	ERIC RINGLER
SOLO	SILENT NIGHT CAROLYN MATTHEWS, GUITAR AND VOCALS	FRANZ XAVIER GRUBER
	Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild; sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.	
	Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born!	
SEVENTH LESSON	LUKE 2:8-16 THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS	MIKAYLA DODGE
* CAROL #113	ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	"GLORIA"
EIGHTH LESSON	MATTHEW 2:1-11 THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN	CAROLYN MATHEWS
SOLO	CARÚL LOCH GARMAN (THE WEXFORD CAROL) SUNG IN IRISH AND ENGLISH BY BEAU HARTMAN, SOPRANO	TRADITIONAL IRISH
	<i>Oh, come all and adore, the sweet child who lies in the cattle shed, And remember the King's love that gave us the Infant for our salvation. And Mother Mary in God's paradise, pray gently now for Eve's poor children, And never close the cattle shed's door, so that I may forever worship the Son of the Virgin's King.</i>	
	<i>East in Bethlehem in the middle of the night, when shepherds heard the good news, Clearly to all the world, sweetly from the sky, angels sang from every corner of the earth: "Come along quickly," said God's Angel. "To yonder Bethlehem and you will find him Lying gently in a manger of straw. That's the Prince, the King's Young Son!"</i>	
	With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid and by his side the virgin maid, Attending on the Lord of Life, who came on earth to end all strife.	
	There were three wise men from afar, directed by a glorious star, And on they wandered night and day, until they came where Jesus lay. And when they came unto that place where our beloved Messiah lay, They humbly cast them at his feet, with gifts of gold and incense sweet.	
	See how the Lord of Heav'n and earth, show'd himself lowly in his birth; A sweet example for mankind, to learn to bear a humble mind. If choirs of Angels did rejoice, well may mankind with heart and voice Sing praises to the God of Heav'n, that unto us His Son has giv'n.	
NINTH LESSON	JOHN 1:1-14 THE WORD BECAME FLESH	JANET HENDERSHOT
CAROL #119	HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING	"MENDELSSOHN"

Written for a Gentile audience, **Luke's gospel** emphasizes God's love for the poor, the disadvantaged, minorities, outcasts, sinners and lepers.

Written for a Jewish audience, **Matthew's gospel** describes Jesus as the fulfillment of God's will disclosed in the Old Testament.

Unlike the other gospels, **John's gospel** makes no attempt to give a chronological account of the life of Jesus (which the other gospels do, to a degree), focusing instead on his eternal nature and divine origin.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

WESLEY G. MASON

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY
GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

ARR. ROBERT MACGIMSEY

Sweet little Jesus boy, they made you be born in a manger, my Lord.
Sweet little holy child, we didn't know who you was.

We didn't know you come to save us Lord, to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we just could not see. We didn't know it was you.

Ohhh, you have told us how we are tryin', yes!
Master, master, you have shown us how, even when you were dyin'.

Well, just seems like we can't do right, look how we treated you.
But please oh please Sir, forgive us Lord, 'cause we didn't know it was you.

* AT THE PRESENTATION #143 *ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (Verse 4)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Presbyterians practice both adult and infant baptism. Adult baptism witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls for our grateful response. Infant baptism witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith. **Ruling Elders Carl and Jane Belt** are participating in the baptism today.

* CAROL #136

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

“GO TELL IT”

* BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #134 JOY TO THE WORLD (Verse 1)

“ANTIOCH”

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

‘FROM HEAVEN ABOVE, TO EARTH I COME’
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JOHANN PACHELBEL

* 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

Liturgists.....Janet Hendershot and Caroline Kelly
Readers.....Mikayla Dodge, Jeff Getty, Bob Kazary, Sharon Kazary, Charlene Lelinski
.....Carolyn Matthews, Reagan Marrale and Eric Ringler
Director of Music Ministries..... Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....Zach and Mikayla Dodge, Vocalists; Beau Hartman, Soprano; Nancy Hodges, Piano
.....Carolyn Mathews, Guitar and Vocalist; Gail Plitnik, Soprano
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers..... David Stickler and Gary Hartung

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

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: 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 16, 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	
\$ 208,972.00	
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 199,481.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 9,490.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

December 24, 2017(AM)	December 23, 2018
87	90

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 next Sunday, December 30th or post marked by December 31st** in order to qualify as 2018 contributions for tax purposes.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Thanks to all who signed the Christmas card for our partner congregation in Vsetin, Czech Republic. They are thinking of us and sending us their greetings and best wishes. A card will come soon. They now broadcast their service also. The link will be in our next newsletter.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

LOOKING AHEAD: In these next few weeks, as we prepare for Christmas and plan to bid Caroline and Jim a bittersweet farewell, we have many blessings for which we are thankful. God brought Caroline to us, and these last six years under her leadership have been Spirit - filled. Now God is directing Caroline to a new church and is leading us in new directions, too. Knowing that change can be unsettling, Session has been working to ease the transition into the next chapter of our church life. Towards that end, we have asked Walt Peters to be a long term guest preacher after Caroline's departure. He has graciously agreed and Session has approved this. Beginning on Sunday, January 13, 2019, Walt will preach each Sunday (with the exception of February 3) continuing through April 2019. We hope to have an interim in place around Easter, but Walt has graciously offered to be flexible with that time frame. Please join us as we celebrate Caroline's wonderful legacy at First Presbyterian and welcome Walt as our long term guest preacher.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, DECEMBER (31)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY (1)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (2)

11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY (5)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JANUARY (6)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)
11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
EPIPHANY
12:00 PM REV. CAROLINE KELLY'S FAREWELL GATHERING

* Please note that Brittany will be on vacation through Wednesday, January 2nd. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st.

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	\$ _____

Your Answer to.... “What’s For Dinner?”



First Presbyterian Church is selling homemade soups and rolls to help fund the 10th Annual Mission Trip to South Dakota.

Will you please consider buying some?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

	# of Quarts	X \$9	# of Pints	X \$5	Cap Rolls	x \$1 for 2	Total \$ Owed
Beef Stew							
White Chicken Chili							
Traditional Red Chili							
Hungarian Mushroom Soup							
Vegetarian Vegetable Soup							
Tortilla Soup							
Caporales Rolls 2 for \$1							
TOTAL							

Please pay for and pick up your soups, chili, and stews
on Sunday, January 20th after worship from 12:15-1:00 PM.

Please place your order by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write “Dakota” on the memo line.