



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 5, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: God of grace and truth, you sent Jesus, your Word made flesh, to live among us and show your glory. Help us to receive him and to believe in his name so that we may be born anew as your beloved children; through Christ, our life and our light.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 401**

Here in This Place

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. Christ has come into

the world, and yet we do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not accept him. Forgive us of our sins. We have sinned again you and one another. We fall short of your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Shape us by your Word of truth, seal us with your Holy Spirit, and let us live to show your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

****KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal No. 576

****TIME FOR SILENCE** *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

****THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

****GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Gaylor, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

ANTHEM *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* Carmichael

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON *The Light is Shining on Us* Lay Pastor Wallace Spragins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world, saying:
O Christ, our light,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church . . . Let those you have redeemed proclaim the mystery of your will, so that all may praise your name.

O Christ, our light,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the world . . . Gather all the nations together—north and south, east and west—into a commonwealth of plenty and peace.

O Christ, our light,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for this community . . . Grant peace within this place, bless the little ones among us, and strengthen those who are weak.

O Christ, our light,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for loved ones . . . Turn their mourning into dancing, turn their sorrow into joy and fill them with your grace.

O Christ, our light,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, help us to bear witness to your light so that all may believe and have life in you; in your holy name we pray, Our Father . . .

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnbook p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

GIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 606

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

**CHARGE AND BLESSING

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

WELCOME !

If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.

If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.

If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: www.fpc-rr.org.

If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.

In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2019

Jeff Dillard
Denise Hackenburg
John Shives
Marie Anderson

Class of 2020

Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins

Class of 2021

Jack Kiger
Mike Knudson
Jim Small
Pet Spears

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in the Parlor, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Loy Building. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am. Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and are taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm.

Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men. Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Nick Stephenson, Organist/Choral Accompanist