



# First Presbyterian Church

*Welcome Home!*

## Order of Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas December 30, 2018 11 AM

### PREPARATION

#### A Prayer of Preparation

*O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent a child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen*

Welcome

Rev. Shon Peppers

#### Ministry of Friendship

*Please pass the friendship register so all may sign it; pass it back so you may become acquainted with those sitting on your pew.*

Prelude

### ADORATION

#### Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

People: **Praise the Lord from the earth!**

Leader: Young and old alike,

People: **men and women together.**

All: **Praise the Lord!**

Large print bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The 11 am service is streamed live at [www.fpcga.org](http://www.fpcga.org) and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

We give thanks to God for the musical gifts of our Chancel Choir, proclaiming the good news in song this morning.

## CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ our Savior...**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Celebration of Forgiveness

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

**"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.**

**"Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.**

**To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!**

**Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over!"**

Time with Our Children

*All children are invited to come forward. When dismissed, children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sunshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.*

## PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 148

(Pew Bible page 594)

Anthem

*A Boy Was Born*

Benjamin Britten

A boy was born in Bethlehem; rejoice for that, Jerusalem: Alleluia!

He let himself a servant be that all mankind he might set free: Alleluia!

Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human frame: Alleluia!

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 3:12-17

(Pew Bible page 193)

Sermon

*Clothed Anew*

Rev. Peppers

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

## RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

Dallas Thompson

**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 at 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, concluding with *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

*A Boy Was Born*

Britten

\*Presentation Hymn

*Doxology*

VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING FORTH

\*Parting Hymn 136

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S SERVANTS

**Chancel Flower Guild**

The Entire Guild

**Sound and Lighting**

Rusty Burns

**Greeters and Ushers**

Dan Hartley, Head Usher;

Don and Gerri Crane, Sybil

Nash, Jeff Nylander, Doug

and Elaine Parmenter, David

Stewart, Ushers; Bernice Cox,

Jay Fulenwider, Greeters

\* Please stand as you are able.

## Welcome, guests!

If you would like to know more about our church, learn more about Jesus as Lord, or are in need of prayer, please join one of our pastors and elders in the church parlor following this service.

### Our Pastors

Lee Koontz  
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### Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church?

Anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and desires to follow and serve Christ is invited to become a member of this congregation. If you're interested in discovering more about how to become a member, please speak to one of the pastors following the service.

### Pastor on call

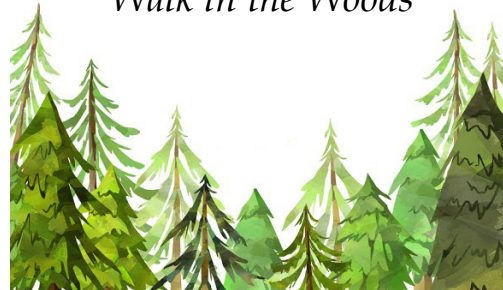
If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 770-718-8584.

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WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE  
**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
9 am, Saturday, January 12  
Rev. Heather Koontz, speaker  
"Seeds, Planted"  
(No charge for breakfast)

## Walk in the Woods



### ELACHEE

Nature Science Center  
Saturday, January 19  
1 PM



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am Morning Light Worship SH  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
6:00pm Chancel Ringers

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am Lakeshore Squares New Years Eve Dance

2:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503

6:30pm Beginners, Sq Dancing Class, Gym

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

Church Office Closed

Begin Read through Bible in 1 Year Plan

6:30pm SH Reserved for ML Band  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

No WOW

12:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503

5:15pm Andrew Ministry, Cabin 1

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

9:00am Yoga SH503  
10:00am Wonderful Works M303  
10:00am Caregiver Support Group, Prayer Room

4:00pm Operations Cmte CR\*

6:00pm Mission/WMC Cmte M303\*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

7:00pm Young at Heart Game Night SH

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

7:30pm Lakeshore Squares, Gym

### \*Committee Meeting

CR-Conference Room  
SH-Swetenburg Hall