



# The First Presbyterian Church

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Dr. William G. McCoy  
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*Ministers:*

All members of the congregation

## The Celebration of Worship Service of Seven Lessons and Carols

December 10, 2017

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,  
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now  
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!"

Luke 2:13-14

#### MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Christmas Brass

Jeff Flanagan, trumpet; Todd Wilson, trumpet  
Marsha Palmer, horn; Joe Patton, trombone; Matt Murchison, tuba

#### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### We Praise God

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Presbyterian Women

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

(Please remain seated.)

Children: *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

(Please stand.)

*\* All: He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.  
Jesus is our childhood's pattern. Day by day like us He grew.  
He was little, weak and helpless. Tears and smiles like us He knew.  
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.  
And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love.  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above.  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

\*CAROL #133

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Johnson

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

The angel visits Mary.  
Luke 1:26-33; 2:1-5

Ginna Taylor

CAROL #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
(Please remain seated.)

HYFRYDOL

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart!*

ANTHEM

Savior of the Nations, Come

Martin Luther, arr. M. Odin

*Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's son, make here your home!  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.*

*From God's heart the Savior speeds. Back to God his pathway leads.  
Out to vanquish death's command, back to reign at God's right hand.*

*Now Your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this Light subdue. Let our faith shine ever new!*

*Praise we sing to Christ the Lord! Virgin's Son, incarnate Word! To the Holy Trinity, praise we sing eternally!*

The LOGOS Angels; Jennifer Snider, accompanist

CAROL #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(Please remain seated.)

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

THE SECOND LESSON

The Child is born.  
Luke 2:6-7

Kiera Daugherty

ANTHEM

Little Donkey/Away in a Manger

Eric Boswell/traditional

*Little donkey, little donkey, on the dusty road, got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.  
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night. Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight.*

*Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem. Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.  
Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day. Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way.*

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord, Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

The LOGOS Cherubs; Jennifer Snider and the LOGOS Youth, accompanists

\*CAROL #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,  
Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us! Abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!*

THE THIRD LESSON	The angels sing. Luke 2:8-14	Christian Johnson
VOLUNTARY	Silent Night  The FPC Lyres Club	arr. M. Odin
*CAROL #119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
	<p><i>Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"</i></p>	
THE FOURTH LESSON	The shepherds' response. Luke 2:15-20	Payne Warner
CAROL #147	The First Nowell (Please remain seated.)	THE FIRST NOWELL
	<p><i>The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel! Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made heaven and earth of nought and with His blood mankind hath bought. Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel!</i></p>	
THE FIFTH LESSON	The star guides. Matthew 2:1-6	Raegan Elmore
CAROL #145	What Child is This (Please remain seated.)	GREENSLEEVES
	<p><i>What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary! So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings. Let loving hearts enthrone Him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!</i></p>	
THE SIXTH LESSON	The wise men worship. Matthew 2:7-12	Bob Newman
ANTHEM	Masters in This Hall  The Capella Bells	arr. A. Sherman

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory Anthem

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash

*What hope we hold this starlit night: A King is born in Bethlehem.  
Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.*

*What fear we felt in the silent age; four-hundred years—can He be found?  
But broken by a baby's cry—rejoice in the hallowed manger ground!*

*Emmanuel Emmanuel! God incarnate here to dwell.  
Emmanuel Emmanuel! Praise His name Emmanuel!*

*The Son of God, here born to bleed. A crown of thorns would pierce His brow.  
And we beheld this offering. Exalted now the King of kings.  
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground!*

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The Worship Team

\*Doxology (please stand)

*O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
We'll praise His name forever. We'll praise His name forever.  
We'll praise His name forever: Christ the Lord!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

Gracious God, You are so good to us. We give You thanks for these blessings, and would ask that the joy we feel in our hearts, not only be expressed by our lips, but with our hands also. May these gifts be used to embody the joy we find in You, by sharing it with those who need it most. This we pray in Your holy name. Amen.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Love incarnate.  
Galatians 4:1-7

Bill McCoy

ANTHEM

Gaudete

*Piae Cantiones* (1582)

*Gaudete, gaudete!* Rejoice, rejoice!  
*Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine. Gaudete!* Christ is born of the Virgin Mary. Rejoice!  
*Tempus adest gratiae hoc quod optabamus.* It is now the time of grace that we have desired.  
*Carmina laetitiae devote redamus.* Let us sing songs of joy. Let us give devotion.  
*Deus homo factus est. Natura mirante.* God was made man. Nature marvels.  
*Mundus renovatus est a Christo Regnante.* The world was renewed by Christ the King.  
*Ezekelis porta clausa per transitor.* The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed through.  
*Unde lux est orta salus invenitur.* Whence the light rises, salvation is found.  
*Ergo nostra contio psallat jam in lustro.* Therefore, let our gathering now sing with brilliance.  
*Benedicat Domino salus Regi nostro!* Let it give praise to the Lord, greetings to our King!

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:17-24; Pew Bible, NT, p. 71

Bill McCoy

HOMILY

THE GREATEST MIRACLE:  
Longing and Anticipation

Bill McCoy

\*CAROL #134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*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!*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love!*

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*POSTLUDE

“Gloria” from Twelfth Mass  
Paula Legge, organist

Wolfgang A. Mozart

We gather to worship,  
We scatter to serve,  
In the relentless love of Christ.

\*The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

Today is the last day to make Christmas contributions to our Worship Memorial Fund. Gifts to the Worship Memorial Fund are used to enhance worship at First Presby throughout the year. If desired, they may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Envelopes may be found in the pew racks. Many thanks to all!

*In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Alicia Raab for chiming the Trinity and Amelia Keller and Theron Raab for serving as acolytes during worship December 3.

*Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please accompany children.

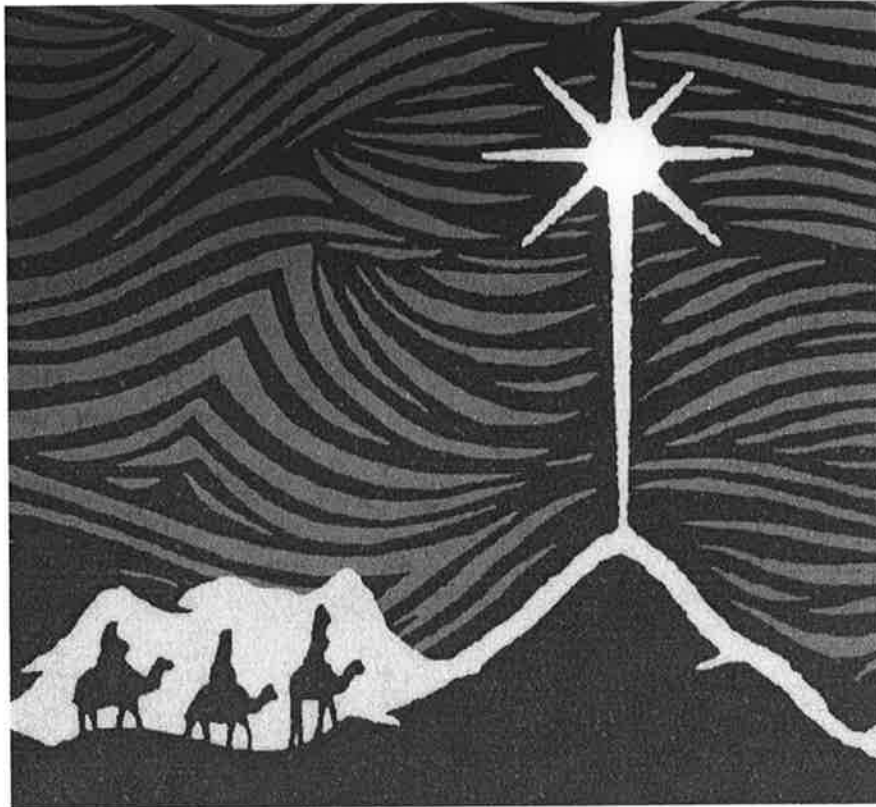
*Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114

*Elder visitation:* Tim Spears, Craig Stilwell

*Greeters today:* Raegan Elmore, Claude Churchwell, Barb Gessner, Sally Slicer

*We are thankful* for the gifts given this week to the Music Gift Fund which provides for musicians for special worship services.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.



## Good News of Great Joy!

Christmas Joy Offering: December 24, 2017

Out of Gratitude We Give

*“Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift.”*

2 Corinthians 9:15

This Advent season, we reflect upon God’s promise of salvation.

Made to each of us and kept with the birth of Jesus,  
this promise has changed countless lives.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we make and keep two promises  
of our own: to church workers through assistance in their time of need,  
and to racial ethnic education and leadership development.

We welcome all who worship with us on this second Sunday of Advent.

We invite you to join us for worship next Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.  
when the message will be “The Greatest Miracle: Preparing the Way.”

Christmas Eve worship services on December 24:

Children’s Candlelight Nativity Tableau at 4 p.m. and Traditional Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.



**GENEVA CHOIR**  
Mary Odin, director

Patti Alexander	Adele Holmes
Mark Brand	Perry Keller
Carole Carter	Jimmy Dale King
Scott Case	Kathy Lynch
Chuck Daugherty	Lindsay Marchio
Sallie Daugherty	Tom Marchio
Tom Daugherty	Pat Schumann
Ellen Golden	Sandy Sibray
Pat Hedrick	Vicky Sporck
Susan Herold	Katie Warner
Tim Holbrook	Kristy Zak

**LOGOS CHERUBS**  
Harriet Hoy and Betty Alexander, leaders

Ali Arbogast	Amelia Keller
Lauren Arbogast	Landry Marble
Jack Berger	Chevii Martin
Wilson Berger	Skye McCain
Lila Crislip	Alicia Raab
Riley Crislip	Amelia Rose Shelton
Courtney Hawkins	Amelia Westerman
Charlotte Hoblitzell	

**LOGOS ANGELS**  
Mary Odin, Ann Grishaber,  
Jennifer Snider, leaders

Emma Berger	Andrew Jones
Aidan Daugherty	Jarrett Jones
Raegan Elmore	Jameson Marble
Bekah Grishaber	A.J. Mitchell
Ellie Hoblitzell	Theron Raab
Andrew Isaac	Eli Smith

**LOGOS YOUTH**  
Mary Odin, Payne Warner,  
Chris Daugherty, Taylor Raab, leaders

Devlin Daugherty	Ian Klingler
Kiera Daugherty	Teagan Klingler
Hannah Decanio	Wesley Klingler
Blaine Dettinger	Barrett McCain
Ella Johnson	Kate Nassif
Taidan Johnson	James Odin
Ben Isaac	Ruth Odin
Will Isaac	Kaydence Raab
Zach Johnson	Maddie Smith
Sam Keller	

**CAPPELLA BELL CHOIR**  
Kathy Lynch, director

Aaron Alexander	Leigh Lynch
Patti Alexander	Dina Mohler
Katie Berger	Mary Odin
Kathy Chesley	Ruth Odin
Amy Cottrell	Sandy Sibray
Anne Keller	Vicky Sporck
Shannon Knight	

**WORSHIP TEAM**  
Bill McCoy and Mary Odin, leaders

Marvin Conley	Mary Odin
Kiera Daugherty	Ruth Odin
Tom Daugherty	Dave Percy
Adele Holmes	Sandy Sibray
Perry Keller	Brett Webster
Bill McCoy	Kristy Zak

**FPC LYRES CLUB**  
Mary Odin, leader

Carole Carter	Carla LaPelle
Mitzi Cyrus	Mary Odin
Diane Holcomb	Ruth Odin
Sara Joseph	Karen White

