

# The First Presbyterian Church

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Dr. William G. McCoy  
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All members of the congregation



## The Celebration of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 96

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells  
The Capella Bells; Kathy Lynch, director

Leontovich, arr. Mocklebust

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Mitchell Family

CHORAL INTROIT

A Great and Mighty Wonder

St. Germanus, Praetorius

*A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honor pure.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"  
The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high! And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.  
Since all He comes to ransom, by all be he adored. The Infant born in Bethlehem, the Saviour and the Lord.*

The Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

\*RESPONSE 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

We are busy, Lord, getting ready for so many things. Forgive us when we forget to include You in our plans, when our priorities take precedence over what is really important. Forgive us when we fail to notice the gift of Your presence, and take Your grace for granted.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ginna Taylor

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

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.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

He is Born  
The Capella Bells; Kathy Lynch, director

*French carol, arr. Lamb*

\*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of Your grace. As the heavenly host sang of Your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word is Proclaimed

VOLUNTARY

Away in a Manger  
The Capella Bells; Kathy Lynch, director

*arr. Helman*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  
EPISTLE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7; Pew Bible, OT, p. 638  
Titus 2:11-14; Pew Bible, NT, p. 214

Christian Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-45; Pew Bible, NT, p. 56

Bill McCoy

SERMON

THE GREATEST MIRACLE:  
Annunciation and Acceptance

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 106, v. 1

*Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name!*

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "What Child is This?"  
Paula Legge, organist

John Behnke

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

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**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 fourth Sunday of Advent.  
We invite you to join us for Christmas Eve worship services this evening:  
Children's Candlelight Nativity Tableau at 4 p.m.  
Traditional Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

*In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Amelia Keller for chiming the Trinity and Ellie Hoblitzell and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship December 17.

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

*Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

*Elder visitation:* David Campbell, Andy Ceperley, Emilie Couch

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

*We are thankful* for the generous gifts given to provide 100 sanctuary chairs to our sister church, First Presbyterian Church, Dickinson, TX. Through your generosity we have reached our goal!

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



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2017

*These Christmas Memorials are given to enrich worship  
at First Presbyterian Church  
in loving memory or honor of:*

*Kathleen P. Anderson and B. Peyton Anderson Jr. by their daughters, Deborah A. Faber and Elizabeth A Truter.*

*Bonnie Ashton and Helen Whiteman by Jennifer, Bill, Sarah , Will and Marshall Snider.*

*Mr. David K. Blough, Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Holman and Mr. and Mrs. Gadilhe by John, Holly, Jack, Brooks and Lisette Bailey.*

*Louis Bryant, Bob and Mary Moore Daley, by Bob Jr. and Joann Daley.*

*Dr. and Mrs. Todd H. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frederick Becker and James Hupp Bullard by Kathy and Marty Becker.*

*My wife, Helen, and my mother, Pauline Burkard, by Jack Burkard.*

*George K. and Madge Burkes Cabell by Mrs. Jerry Frazier and her children, Jeff and Belinda Frazier, Tim and Leigh Norrid and Dan and Laura Murray; and Robert and Lynn Goldsmith, and their children, Kip and Mary Beth Rice, Michael and Jennifer Rice, Ike and Kaity Goldsmith and Quincy Goldsmith.*

*Mrs. Maude Goldsmith-Carr by Robert F. and Lynn Goldsmith and their children, Kip and Mary Beth Rice, Michael and Jennifer Rice, Ike and Kaity Goldsmith and Quincy Goldsmith.*

*In memory of my husband Mr. Jean B. Chenoweth and in honor of my family by Mrs. Marian B. Chenoweth.*

*Mrs. Marian B. Chenoweth by Dennis and Nancy Winefordner.*

*In memory of Ann Chun, Pam Phares and Sheila Pringle and in honor of Jimmy Dale King by the Rainbow Class teachers.*

*Our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young Bong Chun and Mr. and Mrs. Kong Myung Pak by Do Sub and Hae Won Chun.*

*Byron and Catherine Cocke by Marty and Kathy Becker.*

*Sara and Nick Cody and Ruth and John Schacht by Mary Ann and Bob Schacht.*

*Edward M. and Louise T. Craig, Martha C. and Joseph M. Finerty by Mary Craig.*

*Mary Ruth and Herb Dankert and Katharine and Lyle Sattes Sr. by Beth and Lyle Sattes.*

*Carolyn Tait Derenburger and Frank L. Taylor Jr. by Blair and Ginna Taylor.*

*John L. and Maude Dickinson by Robert F. and Lynn Goldsmith and their children, Kip and Mary Beth Rice, Michael and Jennifer Rice, Ike and Kaity Goldsmith and Quincy Goldsmith.*

*Frank and Laurel Dombek and Bob and Daisy Wall Warren by their children Duane Dombek and Barbara Warren.*

*Mr. Jerry L. Frazier by Mrs. Jerry Frazier and her children, Jeff and Belinda Frazier, Tim and Leigh Norrid, and Dan and Laura Murray; and Robert and Lynn Goldsmith and their children, Kip and Mary Beth Rice, Michael and Jennifer Rice, Quincy Goldsmith and Ike and Kaity Goldsmith.*

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*Frank S. and Margaret Cabell Harkins by Mrs. Jerry Frazier and her children, Jeff and Belinda Frazier, Tim and Leigh Norrid, and Dan and Laura Murray; and Robert and Lynn Goldsmith, and their children, Kip and Mary Beth Rice, Michael and Jennifer Rice, Quincy, Ike and Kaity Goldsmith.*

*Sprague W. Hazard by Sally Hazard.*

*Tom Hopper and Axson Ceperley by Martha Hopper.*

*Kay Coach Lambertus, by her daughter Michele Weber.*

*Lura Watkins by John and Mary Lu MacCorkle and Bill Watkins.*

*Erich Marcus, Michael Marcus, and Bernita Powell, by Susie Marcus, Curtis Powell, Jutta Marcus and Steve and Nancy Marcus.*

*Bob and Rachel McCue, George and June Mullett, Jake Mullett and Chuck Vest by Bill and Carolyn Mullett and family.*

*Mr. and Mrs. H.S. McGrew, Lilly Bias, Bruce Javins, Janet Curtis and Anita Nelson by Jeanne M. Javins.*

*Barbara Mitchell and John Mitchell by their family.*

*Gov. Arch A. and Shelly Riley Moore and Charles L. and Ruth Eskew Capito by, Charles and Shelly Capito and family.*

*Dr. John B. Morton, III by Erma, Jack and Maggie Morton.*

*Patricia Keenan Richardson Newman by Bob Newman.*

*Dr. Robert E. O'Connor and Dr. John B. Morton by Jean O'Connor and family.*

*Dr. Robert O'Connor by Sarah G. Holroyd.*

*In honor of Mary Odin and her music ministry by Barb and Steve Hopta.*

*Bob Orders Sr. with love by Jean, Bob and Ann Orders.*

*Marian, Betty and Ruth by Barb Gessner.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Dale Propst and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fizer, by the Propst Family.*

*Senator and Mrs. W. Chapman Revercomb, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Graney Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Graney Jr., Mrs. Ethel Johnson and Mr. Hugh Manning by Michael and Margaret Graney.*

*Jack Saladini and Elaine and John Saladini, by Cheryle M. Hall.*

*Ann B. Schneider by her children Barry, John, Lenore and Jane.*

*Ruth Skidmore and Isaac Ward by Terry and Anna Raab.*

*Howard and Edna Sporck, Robert, Marian, Bill and Rosemary Vanhoenen and Brian Schwarz by The Sporck family.*

*In loving memory of Frank K. Taylor, Jr. by Jackie Taylor.*

*L. Newton Thomas, III, Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton Thomas, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William F. Blue, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas, II by Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton Thomas, Jr.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles West and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sipe by Sherry, Jack and Kristen Harrison.*

*Hillis J. and Eva Caldwell Youse, George H. and Charles A. Youse by Arthur C. Youse.*

