

The First Presbyterian Church

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All members of the congregation



The Celebration of Worship First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

PRELUDE

Toccata on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Hawkins Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Lord, we confess that even when we know exactly what You would have us do, we often choose to do the opposite. Forgive us when distractions keep us from making decisions to serve You. Help us find courage to try new ways of discipleship. We pray in Jesus' name.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

First Presbyterian Church, Dickinson, Texas

Sue Webster

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bill McCoy and Ben Adams

For Landon Arlo Weikle, son of Chris and Kelly Weikle.
(Children may come forward for the baptism.)

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader:

Keep me,

People:

Keep me,

Leader:

Hide me;

People:

Hide me;

Welcome by congregation

Landon, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE (Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Bible Study.)

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

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 6, and 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Christian Johnson

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

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Trio on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

David Lasky

*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

Ginna Taylor

Lord, You have begun a good work in us, and we are grateful. Shape us, O God, so that our lives may be consistent with Your intent. Shape what we bring as our offerings to suit Your pleasure, and fashion them to fit Your design. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9; Pew Bible, OT, p. 694

Mary McCoy

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:3-9; Pew Bible, NT, p. 166

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 9:2b-7; Pew Bible, OT, p. 638
Luke 1:26-38; Pew Bible, NT, p. 56

Bill McCoy

SERMON

THE GREATEST MIRACLE:
Prediction and Prophecy

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come Just As You Are
(See insert)

Joseph Sabolick

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Eucharistic Prayer and 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.

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free wafers are located in the center of each bread plate.)

Anthem for Communion Lost in the Night Kyle Haugen

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish, longing for morning the darkness to vanquish.
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish: Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?*

*Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow? Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow? Will You help us soon? Will You help us soon?*

*Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling, dawned has the day of a radiance excelling.
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling: Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!*

Will not day come soon? Come and save us soon! Christ is coming soon!

The Geneva Choir

*CONCLUDING HYMN 158 Born in the Night, Mary's Child MARY'S CHILD

*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 O Christmas Tree arr. John Behnke
Paula Legge, organist

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

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• *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Sam Keller for chiming the Trinity and Ellie Hoblitzell
• and Amelia Keller for serving as acolytes during worship November 26.
• *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:* Karen Scherr, Sarah Smith, Jennifer Snider
• *The flowers in the sanctuary* have been given by the McLaughlin children in honor of their father,
• Kemp McLaughlin Sr., who will celebrate his 99th birthday on December 7.
• *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. THANK YOU!
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