

**Morning Worship**

**January 1, 2017—First Sunday after Christmas Day**

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. \*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

**PRELUDE** "Song of Joy" arr. G. Martin

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God is here to receive our praise.

**People: God is worthy of our adoration.**

Leader: God is here to receive our confession.

**People: God is near to the brokenhearted.**

Leader: God is here to transform our minds and hearts.

**People: Let us joyfully worship God.**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 40** "Joy to the World"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

*Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to You and to one another that time after time we have entered Your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to Your grace. We have lifted our hands to You in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed Your commandments but have refused to see Your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that You forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from Your presence and the cleansing of Your all-powerful Word. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Leader: Some say it is good works that put us right with God.

**People: We believe it is amazing grace.**

Leader: Some claim that we must measure up to be acceptable to God.

**People: We believe in the profound mercy of God.**

Leader: Some say our salvation depends on what we do.

**People: We believe God is the Author and Finisher of our faith.**

Leader: Friends, let us celebrate the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Gloria Patri (579)** GREATOREX, 1851

*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.*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS:**

Offering in Music: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Marilyn Ham

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Allen Thompson

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

**ANTHEM:** "Shout Ye Heavens" arr. Tim Sharp

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

*God of mercy, You promised never to break Your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear Your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to Your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**LESSON** (page 342/356) Nehemiah 1

**SERMON** "Vision and Memory" Rev. Thompson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) The 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*

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 464** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Angels Speak, Let Men Give Ear" Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** "To God Be the Glory" arr. Victor Labenske

**Praise God for Last Sunday:** Tithes & Offerings \$10,648.18  
*Undesignated offerings at the Christmas Eve services were divided between God's Storehouse and the Saturday Lunch Ministry. These totaled \$949.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, R. L. Clifton, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Guy Fowlkes, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Carol Ingram McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberry, Nultie Wiseman.

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Ann Banks, Kelvin Gunn, Libby Hodge, Paul Johnson, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Hampton Wilkins

**Our sincere condolences** to Sallie Abreu on the passing of her father, Thomas Terry Shadrick II, and to the family of Ken Obye who passed away on Monday, December 26.



**A Friendly Reminder...**

Due to the New Year's Day Holiday, the church office is closed on Monday, January 2. Therefore, **Circle Meetings** will be held on Monday, January 9. **Evening Circle** will be held at the home of Brenna Takata, 5008 Cobblestone Drive.

**Serving Today**

Nursery/Sunday School	Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors
Children's Sunday School	Jackson Weller
Elders at Front Door	Edward Blount
Friendship Period	C. B. Strange, David Parris
Deacon to Receive Offering	Mike Reynolds
Officers to Count Offering	Kile/Barrett
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Ray Beale
Time for Young Disciples	Allen Thompson
Sound System	Fred Baker
Ushers	Team 1
Flower Ministry	Elders
Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 7	Joan & Mike Reynolds



**Family Night Supper** will be held  
**Wednesday, January 4.**

Menu: Chili, Cornbread, Salad,  
Green Vegetable, Cake

**Speaker: Bradley Long, Missionary to Tajikistan and former pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian in Martinsville.**

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*To know Christ and make Him known*

**THIS WEEK AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, January 2**

All Day Church Office Closed

**FRIDAY, January 6**

All Day Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY, January 3**

6 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
6:15 p.m. Handbells  
7 p.m. Property Committee

**SATURDAY, January 7**

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study  
11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

**WEDNESDAY, January 4**

12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Chapel Service  
6 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth

**SUNDAY, January 8**

9 a.m. Worship Committee  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
Mid & High School, Rm 112  
Outlook Class, Rm 322  
Seekers, Rm 109  
10:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS

**THURSDAY, January 5**

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir