

**Morning Worship—December 16, 2018**  
**4th Sunday of Advent Lessons & Carols**

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** “Love” Ruth Meadors & family  
Leader: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy. We light it, and the candle of Hope and Peace, as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God’s promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy. [The Candles of Joy, Hope & Peace are lit.] Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God’s love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God’s forgiveness. [The Fourth Candle is lit, the Candle of Love.] Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Christ.  
**Let us pray: Lord God, your witness, John the Baptist, grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same sharing spirit John had and to spread the good news of your love. Help us to be ready to welcome Christ, for whom John prepared the way. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Most Holy God in Christ you pour out your mercy to forgive our transgression. Hear us now as we confess our sin. We err in our judgment of what you want from us. We seek to appease you with offerings, earn your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making some sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a right relationship with you.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
Leader: Micah foresees the Coming One, who shall stand and feed the flock. The people shall dwell secure in the majesty of God’s name.  
People: Christ is our peace, and we can dwell secure in the knowledge that through him we are forgiven.

**\*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.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Nicole Bracey

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**  
Offering in Music “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” arr. Lloyd Larson  
\*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

**AN EARLY AMERICAN SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** arr. by Tim Sharp

**PRELUDE** “As Shepherds in Jewry” String Quartet & Flute  
“How Splendid Shines the Morning Star”

**INTROIT** “Glory to God on High” Chancel Choir  
“Oh, Come, Little Children”

**BIDDING PRAYER** Dr. McDonald

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: THE SAVIOUR’S UNIVERSAL PRAYER** Susanne Singer, solo

**BLESSING CAROL** “Away in a Manger” Dr. McDonald  
#24 Congregation sings stanza #3, only Chancel Choir  
Genesis 3:8-15

**FIRST LESSON CAROL** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Jeanne Nostrandt  
#44 Congregations sings stanza #4, only Chancel Choir

**SECOND LESSON ANTHEM** Genesis 22:1-8 Martha Bell  
“Followers of the Lamb” Chancel Choir

**THIRD LESSON ANTHEM** Isaiah 9:2, 6,7 Susanne Singer  
“Thou Child Divine” Chancel Choir

**FOURTH LESSON CAROL** Micah 5:2-5 Marie-Louise Crane  
“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Choir & Congregation (Insert)

**FIFTH LESSON CAROL** Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Kathy Dolianitis  
“A Virgin Unspotted” Chancel Choir

**SIXTH LESSON CAROL** Matthew 1:18-21 Nancy Wilson  
“What Child Is This?” Choir & Congregation #53

**SEVENTH LESSON CAROL** Luke 2:8-20 Sally Clark  
“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Chancel Choir

**EIGHTH LESSON CAROL** Matthew 2:1-11 Tom Gillespie  
“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Men’s Choir, Women’s voices  
#66 Congregation sings stanza #5, only

**NINTH LESSON CAROL** John 1:1-14 Dickie Green  
“Shout Ye Heavens” Chancel Choir

**PRAYER CAROL** “Go Tell It On the Mountain” Ray Hayes  
Choir & Congregation #29

**DISMISSAL BLESSING** Dr. McDonald

**POSTLUDE** “A Virgin Unspotted” String Quartet & Flute

*The flowers that enhance our worship service are given in appreciation of our interim pastor,  
Rev. Dr. John McDonald, by Diane and Kent Shelton.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Amy Bracey, Lisa Brown, Charles Cuttle, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Dianne East, Dianne Hottenstein (S. Mathena), Martha Jo Hodges, Gail Jones, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis, Jane Marini (B. Fitzgerald’s daughter), Ellen McDonald (John’s wife), Lee Norman, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Freel Shipe (J. McDonald’s father-in-law), Ella Ryan, Sandra Strange, Jim Turner, Tom West

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed.

**ON THE MEND**— Joe Alexander, Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), James Gill Sr. & Jr., Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Jay Hayes, Willem van der Griendt, Nultie Wiseman

Our Service Personnel & First Responders.

Our condolences to the friends and family of Bill Smith in the passing of his sister, Marjory S. Handy, Dec. 7th.

In keeping with the Holiday Season, we will have a less formal worship service on Sunday, December 30th and you are invited to dress casually. The congregation is encouraged to come forward and sit together in a community of faith as we worship God with hymns and contemporary Christian music.

To let everyone know where we stand in our Stewardship Campaign for 2019—to date our pledges stand at **\$225,538 with 61 pledges reported**. Our pledges for **2018 were \$240,797 with 69 pledges reported** and for **2017 we had \$245,971 with 68 pledges reported**. We’re hoping to at least equal our pledges for last year and prior if not to exceed them. If you’ve laid your pledge card aside or misplaced it, please call Vickie at the Church office, and request another one. Our sincere thanks to you for your continued support of the mission of First Presbyterian. **Merry Christmas from your Stewardship Committee.**

**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery/Sunday School	H. Beale
Children’s Sunday School	R. Atkinson/C. Moore
	S. Weller/J. Stowe
Elders at Front Door	C. B. Strange
Security & Side Door	E. Blount
Visitation	S. Mathena
Deacon to Receive Offering	K. Dolianitis
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	N/A
Time for Young Disciples	Nicole Bracey
Sound System	C. B. Strange
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Elders
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 29th	G. Hayes/K. Dolianitis
Saturday Lunch Attendance 12/15	45



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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, December 24**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**TUESDAY, December 25**

Merry Christmas

**WEDNESDAY, December 26**

All Day Church Office Closed

**THURSDAY, December 27**

All Day Church Office Closed

**FRIDAY, December 28**

All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, December 29**

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

**SUNDAY, December 30**

5th Sunday Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School:

See below for Class information

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS

Noon Fellowship

**Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning**

**Youth & Adult Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

**Youth** (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

**Bible Seekers/Rm 109/** “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

**Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s** “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

**Outlook/Rm 322/**“The Present Word” / lecture type class

**The Children’s Extended Time** (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

**K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors**

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

*Our thanks and appreciation goes to Moto Nomura, Matvey Lapin, Staley Lyle, Christopher Martin & Margaret Petty for their contribution to this morning’s service. We also thank the Chancel Choir under the direction of Mrs. Heather Perryman for all their hard work.*