

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



December 5, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Youth Choir 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

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We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

INTROIT

"Come, Come, Emmanuel"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Prepare the way of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Let us work to make straight the paths!**

PASTOR: Every valley will be filled,

PEOPLE: **And every mountain will be made low.**

PASTOR: The crooked will be made straight,

PEOPLE: **And the rough will be smoothed.**

PASTOR: Let us join in worship, for the Lord is coming!

PEOPLE: **Indeed, He is coming!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Peace

The Kelley Family

LEADER: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

PEOPLE: **We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.**

UNISON PRAYER: **God of Hope, Prince of Peace, you speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.**

SONG OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: "Light the Light, the Fire of Life"

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.

Jesus Christ has come to earth and or us shall come again.

Light the candle of His peace, light the light of angels singing.

Light the candle of His peace, light the light that shone that night.

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.

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*** HYMN**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" st. 1,2,6,7 No. 88

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, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding grace, we cover our eyes and make ourselves unprepared for your coming. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant gambles. Today we confess our sins to you and pray that our paths may be made straight. Show us the way that leads to your righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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GLORIA: *"Glory Be to the Father"* No. 581

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-4 (NRSV)

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"The Angels' Song"*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Indeed, He is Coming"*

Sermon Series: *"The Days Ahead"*

HYMN *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* No. 123

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

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For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

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 earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

*** BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

“Love Has Come” st.1

No. 110

Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

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Prayer Requests

Please keep these on your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Give thanks for God's healing.

- **Wynona Brown:** Continue to pray for healing of Wynona's foot and for her peace. She is doing well, feeling better, and knows that God is helping her.
- **Caroline Robinson—** Please pray for continued healing, comfort and peace. She is grateful for the church's prayers.
- **Molly Barnett & her Family:** Her father, brother, and nephew are facing serious medical issues, but things are improving. Keep them in your prayers.
- **Joan Grant:** Please pray for continued healing and comfort. Pray for strength as she has received her third infusion, and pray for peace during this time.
- **Kim Stanaford:** A good friend of Bob Burns. She has been declared cancer free! This is a blessing for her and her family!! Please continue to pray for her.
- **Sue Ryan:** Please pray for Sue and her husband during this time.
- **Joe Southard:** Joe has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be undergoing tests looking at options.
- **Judy House:** Please keep Judy and her husband in your prayers. She had surgery last week and is doing well. She is waiting to see what her treatment options are. She is a neighbor and friend of Kay McCracken.
- **James Shannon Ruth:** Please pray for strength and comfort during challenging times and circumstances, including making difficult decisions about the wellbeing of his dog.
- **Tom Hagedorn:** Please continue to pray for Tom as he recovers from surgery and continues treatment.
- **Marian Davis:** She fell last week and broke two ribs. She is doing well but pray for a speedy recovery.
- **The family of Jim Collins:** Jim passed away quietly in his sleep last week. He was blessed to spend Thanksgiving with friends and family a few days before. He was a long-time member and elder of our church and served on committees for nearly 50 years. Please keep his family in your prayers in the coming weeks.

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Poinsettias

In Memory of	Sean Kelley and Katie Kelley From John, Pat and Lyla Kelley
In Memory of	Buck Hagy From Marcia Milby Ridings
In Memory of	Kim Sturgeon From Wayne & Judy Sturgeon and family
In Memory of	Sim Hodges From Wayne & Judy Sturgeon, John & Thea Robinson, Simeon & Melody Hodges
In Memory of	Brenda Hail From Bowman Hail and family
In Memory of	Matthew Edwards From Ruby & Peter Edwards
In Memory of	Dr. Bill Pratt From Peggy Pratt and family
In Memory of	Lynne Putman From Bill Putman
In Memory of	Laird and Ruby Orr From Nancy Orr
In Memory of	Bob Williams Donna Williams
In Memory of	Lil Burns From Bob Burns
In Memory of	John "Grandad" Green From Griffin Ryan
In Memory of	Bernice "Mama Bea" Phillips From Griffin Ryan
In Memory of	Michelle Dabney From Griffin Ryan
In Memory of	Our Little Ones
In Honor of	John Andrew From Cubby Ruby
In Memory of	Charles and Eva Lewis
In Honor of	Paul and Lois Wright From Jerry and Sheri Wright

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Preschool and
Elementary school**

classes are offered
for our youth.

Please see Karen
Jewell with any
questions!

Adult class:

Richard Webb will
be starting a new
series called "The
Little Voice Inside
your Head" on Jan.

2 immediately
following the
church service.

Be sure to check
out the daily
Advent Devotionals

which will begin on
Sunday, November
28th, on

Facebook. They will
be based on the
book, "A Surprising
God:

Advent Devotions
for an Uncertain
Time"

by Thomas G. Long
and Donyelle C.
McCray

We have several **events** coming up over the
next couple of months. Mark your calendar so
you don't miss out!

December 5th- Community Christmas Chorus:
4:00 (First Baptist Church)

December 19th – Children's Christmas Play
("The Miracle in the Stable"): 5:00

December 24th – Lessons and Carols -
Christmas Eve Communion Service: 5:00 p.m.

Ellie Blu Williams, daughter of Allyse
Williams, granddaughter of Donna Williams,
was born November 12th. She is healthy
and everyone is happy!

Emily Quinn Stone, daughter of Andrea
Stone & family, granddaughter of Karen
Webb was born November 30 at 6:49 pm 7
lb. 3oz. and 21 inches.

Covid Protocol

With the on-going covid pandemic as well
as the yearly flu season we would like to
encourage our friends and members to
continue to wear your mask and stay
socially distant. It is hoped we will soon be
able to greet each other with a warm and
loving hug. While most are fully vaccinated
we want everyone to feel safe to come, in
person, to our worship service and enjoy
the fellowship of God's children.

Holiday nuts are available, once again! We have several
varieties, from baking nuts to chocolate covered nuts.

The price is \$12.00. Proceeds go towards church
missions. See Kay McCracken for more information.

Dec. Birthdays

1st Simeon Hodges

3rd Sean Ryan

8th Ruth Cornelius

9th Sara Caldwell

Mills

11th Bob Haarsma

14th Bill Putman

16th Kim Taylor

17th Faith de la

Pena

19th Rebecca

Phelps

21st Conner Kelley

David de la Pena

22nd Bob Williams

28th Kris Haarsma

29th Melanie

Callahan

31st Pat Kelley

Anniversaries

19th Sam & Beverly

Grigsby

29th Sean & Griffin

Ryan

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**It is truly a blessing and a wonder from God!
Please join with us as we help Griffin and Sean Ryan
prepare for the arrival of their baby girl!**

You are a child of
God and
wonderfully
made, dearly
loved and
precious in this
light!



*For this Child
I have Prayed
and the Lord has
granted the desires of
My Heart
1 Samuel 1:27*

Before I formed
you in the womb
I knew you,
before you were
born I set you
apart.



You are invited to a baby shower for Pastor Griffin, Pastor Sean, and their Baby Girl on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 5:30 at the church.

RSVP is appreciated but not required. Call Karen Jewell at 606- 309-3517.

The **Youth Choir** will be practicing Sunday morning right after the Worship Service for this year's Christmas play planned for **Dec. 19th**. The name of the play is "The Miracle in the Stable". It is from the perspective of the animals that were present for the birth of Christ.

On the 19th, after the play, there will be finger foods served. Please bring your favorite finger food!

Oh yeah, we also have a very special guest from way up North stopping by after the play to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Welcome Guests!

We pray you will experience the presence of the living God as you worship with us in this place, and that you will be encouraged in your relationship with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about FPC, please contact us. If you are searching for a church family, please consider making First Presbyterian Church of London your church home.