

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle
 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of
 3. Je - sus is our child hood's pat tern; Day by day like us he
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re deem - ing

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 grew. He was lit - tle weak and help - less tears and
 love; For that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry was that mo - ther
 cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, and meek and
 smiles like us he knew. And he feel - eth for our
 Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he leads his child - ren

mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.
 Grant us peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
 Lift up our eyes to see God's face and God's grace forever.
 May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

Congregation

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TIFFANY HORVATH, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 9:30 AM - 11:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Music Notes: Special music this morning is provided by Marji Gere and her husband, Dan Sedgwick. They live a life of music in the Boston area. Dan is an accomplished pianist and composer and teaches at Harvard. Marji is an accomplished violinist and mentor/teacher of under-privileged children.

Worship Hosts for TODAY: Doug Wells, Ami Wells, Bruce Bufe, and Andrea Bufe.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Death: Gregory Field, December 21, 2017

Prayers are Welcome for: Don Brookstra and family (*death of wife and mother, Georgia*); Gary and Sally Ewoldt; Luann Field (*death of husband, Gregory*); Steve Johnson and family (*death of wife and mother, Margarette*); the family of Dr. David Mercer; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Worship at Ten O'Clock in the Morning



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*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,
 curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

"When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses,
 they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:22

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: Tiffany Horvath; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE “Allegro Maestoso e vivace” Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE “Vivace ma non troppo from Sonata in G Major, Op. 78” Johannes Brahms
Marji Gere, violin and Dan Sedgwick, piano

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!
Praise God from the heavens.
Young men and women alike,
Old and young together!
Let us praise the name of the Lord,
Who is exalted above earth and heaven.

***HYMN** “From Heaven Above” WINCHESTER NEW

Children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the hymn ends.

1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to
3. "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who
5. "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven, who
bring good news to ev - ery - one! Glad ti - dings of great
hears your sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
un - to us the Christ has given." With an - gels sing the
joy I bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
Sav - ior be and from all sin will set you free."
Sav - ior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “O Tender God” one time.

O ten-der God, have mer- cy, for you are for us. O liv-ing
Christ, have mer- cy, for you will heal us. O ten-der God, have mer- cy,
for you are for us, for you are for us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations. Our lives often do not reveal your glory. Forgive us. Repair the ugliness that lies within, and restore us to your beautiful grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “O Tender God” one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end, A - men, A - men.

ANTHEM “Adagio — Più andante — Adagio from Sonata in G Major, Op. 78” Johannes Brahms
Marji Gere, violin and Dan Sedgwick, piano

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-40 *The New Testament page 59*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Through the Rituals”

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
5 3. So bring Him in cense, gold, and myrrh; - Come, one and all, to own Him. The
an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch, are keep - ing? This, this is
Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
10 King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en throne Him.
Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
13 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

“Morning Mood from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Op. 46” Edvard Grieg

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH, 592 in the hymnal

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ. We dedicate ourselves in ministry to the world, and give honor and glory to your name. Amen.

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