

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As the magi brought their gifts to the Christ child, so do we present our gifts to you, O God. Transform them, that they may be an acceptable sacrifice of praise, and transform our lives to reflect more deeply your joy in the world. Amen.

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter Frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold Him, Nor earth sus - tain;
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there,
4. What can I give Him, Poor as I am?



Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way When He comes to reign:
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Thronged the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed The
But His moth - er on - ly, In her maid - en bliss, Yet
If I were a wise - man, I would do my part;



In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ
Wor - shipped the be - lov - ed With a kiss.
what I can I give Him; Give my heart.

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 "God Rest You, Merry" Arr. W. Held

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
REV. PAT HALVERSON

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM
LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

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.

Enjoy Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall this morning! All members and visitors are invited to stop by and say "hello." Today's Fellowship Hosts are Nancy & Jim Roseman. If you are available to host fellowship hour on Sunday morning, please contact Frances Keller (563-386-3878), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 AM - 12:15 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: We thank Kristine Oswald, Andy Bowles Edwards, Ted Brown, and Mark Ruebling, all are members of the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Chamber Chorale*, for providing music this morning.

Next week, January 14, the *Sanctuary Choir* returns to the choir loft.

Worship Hosts for TODAY: 9:00 AM - *Worship Hosts:* Merriam Rink, Nancy Foster, Craig Foster, Sharon Simmonds, Gail Yingling, and Erin Yingling. 11:00 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Lorraine Sewick. *Worship Host:* Stephanie Arp and Patty Scott.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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, Margarete*); 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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January 7, 2018

First Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29
Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither."

Psalm 1:3

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.
Liturgist: Elisabeth Riedesel; Sermon: Tiffany Horvath, Director of Christian Education

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" Arr. Wilbur Held

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 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Arr. W. Held

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the stillness of the blessed night of Jesus' birth,
We came before You, O God, in praise and thanksgiving.

From the astounding news sung to the shepherds,
We thanked You for the gift of Your Son.

From the celebration of Christmas past to the celebration of Christmas present,
We came as bearers of the love of Christ.

From this week, when the lights on the tree are dimmed and the ornaments put away,
We will keep the joy and peace of Christmas always.

***HYMN** "As With Gladness Men of Old" DIX

At the 9:00 AM service, children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the hymn ends.



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As they_ of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;
3. Ho-ly_ Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with_ joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So may_ we with ho-ly joy. Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "Take, O Take Me" one time.



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall



be, set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are not ready to come down from our Christmas "high." So much time spent in gathering, wrapping, and delivering gifts; in preparing for family gatherings and times with friends; in decorating our homes and putting up the trees, in remembering to pray for peace on Earth and to forgive and love one another. Yet, so often we begin our journey of complaining and blaming others as soon as the New Year begins. Shake us up, Lord! Get us ready to continue to be people of compassion and hope. Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions speak of your love for us. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Take, O Take Me" 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.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 2:1-12 *The New Testament page 2*

Psalms 1:3 *The Old Testament page 489*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God's Christmas Tree"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"O Christmas Tree"

MARYLAND



1. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How green thy bran-ches ev-er! O
4. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, What gol-den lights a-dorn thee! O
5. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How lov-ing hands have decked thee! O



Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How green thy bran-ches ev-er! Thou
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, What gol-den lights a-dorn thee! Like
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How lov-ing hands have decked thee! Thus



still art green when sum-mer wanes And win-try winds sweep-o'er the plains. O
stars they shine in beau-ty bright, To fill each heart with pure de-light. O
God's own love will make of me For Pa-ra-dise a shi-ning tree. O



Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How green thy bran-ches ev-er!
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, What gol-den lights a-dorn thee!
Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, How lov-ing hands have decked thee!

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS 9:00 AM

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

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

"Away in a Manger"

Arr. Mark Hayes

Kristine Oswald, Soprano

*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.

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