

9:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve Service

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP (8:30PM)

HYMN 40, vv. 1, 4 "Joy to the World"

DUET "Before the Marvel of This Night" *Vajda/Schalk*
Ruth Ann Bishop and Rebecca Ewing

Before the marvel of this night, adoring fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease.
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made,
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love!

HYMN 38, vv. 1, 2, 4 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

ANTHEM "What is this Lovely Fragrance!" (French) *Near*
Johanna Chase, soloist

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Savior born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure heart's adoration, love for age...

HYMN 56, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6 "The First Noel"

INTERLUDE "Chorale Prelude on *Quem Pastores*" *Willan*
Susan Fritts, horn

HYMN 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

ANTHEM "Holiest Night" (Austrian) *arr. Tomanek*

Holiest night! darkness receding from Bethlehem's regions
hails a bright light from the heavenly choir.
Angels appear in numberless legions
bring joyful tidings our hearts to inspire.
Glory to God and on earth peace to all.
Hasten ye shepherds to Bethlehem stall.
He whom God manifold to prophets has foretold
lies there a Child.

Godliest child! Leaving high heaven's throne to earth descending
for love of all to redeem them from sin.
Bitterness, suffering, death Thee impending
seekest the hearts Thou hast made, back to win.
So to Thy crib hasten we to adore,
Love and forgiveness we humbly implore.
We give our hearts to Thee, now and eternally may they be thine.

INTERLUDE "Fantasia on *Greensleeves*" *Vaughan Williams*
Candace Burton, violin

WELCOME (9:00PM) Kimberleigh Wells

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Starns Family

INTROIT "What Sweeter Music" *Herrick/Daley*
Rebecca Ewing, Gweneth West, Beth O'Donnell

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing
the birth of this our heav'nly king?

Awake the voice! Awake the string:

Dark and dull night fly hence away, and give the honor to this day,
that sees December turn to May, if we may ask the reason say:
We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine
and his showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
and fit it is we find a room to welcome him,
the nobler part of all the house, here is the heart.
Which we will give him and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath,
to do him honor who's our king, and Lord of all this reveling...

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing
the birth of this our heav'nly king?

Awake the voice! Awake the string:

for this the birth of our heav'nly king.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:6

A child has been born for us.

A son given to us.

All authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

* EVENING PRAYER

**God of mystery, we praise and worship you,
for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping, to
enter our world as a child of humble birth.**

**By your Spirit, fill our hearts with thanksgiving that
we may give as we have received.**

**Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,
God of love and peace, in the gracious name of
Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your
Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

* HYMN 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7

INTERLUDE "Do You Hear What I Hear?" *arr. Wagner*

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 Abbie Starns

SERMON "Room at Your Inn?" David Forney

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 25 "Away in a Manger"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "In the Bleak Midwinter" *arr. Causey*
Rebecca Ewing, soloist

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone,
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
What I can, I give him: Give him my heart. My heart.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Isaiah 60:1-3

* HYMN 60 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* HYMN 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *arr. Rawsthorne*

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

After the service, please place your candle and candle holder in the baskets near the exits. Also, we recycle in an effort to be good stewards of God's creation; if you do not desire to take your bulletin with you, please place it in the recycle baskets in the Narthex. Thank you.

First Presbyterian Church actively contributes to the following:

Alliance for Interfaith Ministries – providing emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical needs

ARC of the Piedmont – improving the quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church – supporting evangelism and outreach through this new church plant in Greene County

Building Goodness Foundation – building public structures such as medical clinics and schools, both locally and internationally

Christmas Giving Tree – providing Christmas gifts to families through MACAA, Region Ten, and ARC of the Piedmont

Emergency and Disaster Relief Aid

First Presbyterian Church Preschool – providing scholarships for children in Charlottesville to attend our Preschool

Forman Christian College and the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan – providing educational scholarships for both Christian and Muslim students living in poverty

Greek InterVarsity Christian Fellowship – seeking to make the relevance of Jesus Christ known in the college Greek system

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville – creating affordable housing in partnership with low-income families

The Haven – offering a day shelter for the homeless and very poor of Central Virginia and providing access to social services

Hunger Ministries: Soup Kitchen every Wednesday, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, CROP Walk, Emergency Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and the Blue Ridge House Thanksgiving Meal

IMPACT (*Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together*) – living out the call to do justice in the local community

IRIS – striving to reduce blindness in the developing world through education, equipment donation and training

Katrina Rehabilitation/Gulf Coast – providing hands-on housing rehabilitation and encouragement through annual mission trips

Love INC – mobilizing the churches of Charlottesville/Albemarle to provide services and goods-in-kind to those in need

Montreat Conference Center – offering a place set apart for spiritual commitment and renewal through annual conferences

PACEM (*People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry*) – providing overnight shelter and meals to the homeless during the winter

Piedmont House – providing support services to nonviolent male felons with an emphasis on maintaining employment

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands – giving abused children in the Appalachia area hope and purpose for the future

Presbyterian Homes & Family Services – developing the potential of individuals, families, and communities through nurture

Presbyterian Women – supporting three annual mission offerings

Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child – providing shoe boxes of Christmas gifts to children in need around the world

Summer mission trips – serving communities in need both locally and internationally through multiple annual mission trips

Church Office Holiday Schedule: The office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 28, 29, and 30 only. For security purposes, access will be limited to the main office entrance next to the Sanctuary.

Pastoral Care Emergencies over the Holidays: please contact David Forney at (434) 987-5285.

Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m. only

Memorial Poinsettias: Thank you for remembering special persons by sharing these plants during our Advent season. You may pick up your poinsettia from the chancel area after this evening's service.



First Presbyterian Church Vision and Mission Statement

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and
with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to:

WORSHIP God faithfully and joyfully, prayerfully seeking
God's direction for our lives;

NURTURE our faith in Jesus Christ through education and
fellowship, growing in wisdom, and deepening our
relationship with God and one another;

SERVE one another, our community, and the world with
humility and love, relying on the empowerment of
the Holy Spirit to lead us in witnessing to the love of God
in Jesus Christ.

Members of the church staff:

Rev. Dr. David G. Forney	Pastor
Rev. Kimberleigh E. Wells	Associate Pastor
Colleen Plitt	Interim Coordinator of Discipleship Ministry
Kathy Freer	Parish Nurse
Jeff Bailes	Praise Team Director
Elizabeth Norfrey	Interim Choir Director
Roger Authers	Interim Organist
Peggy Haluska	Interim Handbell Choir Director
Will Cooke	Director, Charlottesville Community Youth Choir
Teri Stipe	Interim Asst. Dir., Charlottesville Community Youth Choir
Judy Blair	Business Manager
Susan Lawson	Office Administrator
Rebecca Ewing	Music & Administrative Assistant
Michael Joyce	Facilities Maintenance Manager
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Donna Buchanan	Preschool Director
Anna Brown	Assistant Preschool Director

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O come to us,
abide with us,
Our Lord
Emmanuel

