

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2019

~1st Sunday of Advent ~

Prelude: Breath of Heaven

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration

Hymn #281 What Child is This?

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem: When Will He Come?

Lighting the First Candle of Advent – The Hope Candle

Children's Time:

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-16

Hymn #278 Angels we have heard on High

Nicene Creed:

Message: Theology of Christmas: The One and Only

Communion of God's People

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: Gesu Bambino

Response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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 you, O Israel! Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #255 Lo! How a Rose E're Blooming

Charge, Blessing and Sending with Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Postlude: Love Came Down at Christmas



~This Week at 1st Presbyterian~

SUNDAY, December 1

9:15 to 10:15 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour

10:45 to Noon – Worship

Monday, December 2

6:00-8:00 pm - Father Factor

TUESDAY, December 3

Noon -Free Spark Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, December 5

10:00 am -Noon – Good Morning Bible Study

6:00-8:30 pm – Sights and Sounds

7:00 pm – Women's AA Meeting

FRIDAY, December 7

9-11 am – Y Healthy Kids Packing Party

SUNDAY, December 8

9:15 to 10:15 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour

10:45 to Noon – Worship

7:00pm – MVNU – Handel's Messiah \$5.00

This Sunday, ~12-01~ Liturgist: Keith Hare, **Sound Room:**

Chris Bowles, **Extended Church:** Ed Jobes, **Money Counters:**

Carol Floyd, Sam Lieb, **Greeters:** Dwight and Rose Gibson,

Nursery: Open, **Children's Sermon:** Rev Steve, **Coffee Hour:**

Sandy Noland

Next Sunday, ~12-08~ Liturgist: Gaye Gibson, **Sound Room:**

Ted Brace, **Extended Church:** Open, **Money Counters:** Carolyn

Durr, Marilyn Johnston **Greeters:** Dick and Karen Birtcher,

Louise Whitis, Greg Angeletti, **Nursery:** Deb Blamer, **Children's**

Sermon: Barb Jobes, **Coffee Hour:** Sandy Noland



For Sights and Sounds Needed:

2 Sanctuary Hosts, 3 Doormen and 4 Luminaria
setup/teardown people.

Needed the day before: 12 dozen cookies.
A signup sheet is in the back of the
church. If you have any questions,
Priscilla Hare, Pastor Steve or Carolyn
Durr will give it a go to answer them.



CANDLEWICK COMMONS



Please join us for our Christmas celebration meal at Candlewick Commons on December 12 at 4:00 P.M. We will be sharing a meal of: chicken Kiev, scalloped potatoes, gelatin salad, vegetable and pie with our neighbors. We will also be delivering the gift cards that you have so generously given.

If you would be willing to provide a pie for this outreach, please sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary or notify Gaye Gibson at 740-344-3933 or at lgayegibson@gmail.com.

Thank you for sharing with these very special people this year and for the past eight years. We pray that these folks will experience the love of Christ as we minister to them.



Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner!

Sunday, December 15th,
after Worship.

Meal will be prepared by
Gary & Deb Collins.

First Presbyterian Church



Theology of Christmas: The One & Only Luke: 2:8-16

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~ Prayer Requests~

- Mike** –(Rose Novell’s daughter Nikki’s husband) has medical issues but now contacted pneumonia and is not getting better.
- Shannon Drake** is home and her OBGyn says that she just has to take it easy, not be on bedrest. This is a huge difference from total bedrest especially with 5 kids to care for.
- Blake Brand** is having his adenoids removed Dec. 12.
- Cindy Barber** (Greg Angeletti’s neighbor) is undergoing chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer.
- Lovona Parkhill**, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- Jackson Vanest** – his surgery was a success and is out of ICU.
- Kay Kittel** – Is home and having physical therapy.
- Karen Dayton (Kay Kittel’s sister)** as she continues to heal.
- Gary Collins** – who is working to sort out his health issues.
- Juanita Veach**- (Kim Dershem’s Friend from Emmaus share group)- The bone marrow biopsy was negative but has an over-abundance of red blood cells. She also has a swallowing condition and involuntary movements. She has a strong faith but all this is a little overwhelming.
- John Dennison** – is having cataract surgery. Blood clot is virtually dissolved. Carol is doing fine.
- Mike Mahon**- apt with Gastro specialist in Lima, Peru Wed-Sat, for travel mercies too.
- Joy Carrera** (Mahon’s Flight Coordinator/Pilot) showing some improvement. Struggling with pain and nerve trauma.
- Pastor Brigido Ramirez** (from Mahon’s) had a stroke, hopefully a pilot can pick him up for medical treatment.

~Long Term Prayer Needs~

- Gary Deweese** –continue to pray for his health.
- Shirley** (Barb Jobes’ Mom), who has lung cancer
- Danielle Stoots**- (Carol Floyd’s Granddaughter), who has a long recovery from a surgery.
- David Baughman**- seizures daily with blacking out.

~Our Members in need of Special Care~

Dee Barber, Tracee Barr, Donna Kinney, Jean Nichols, Barb Ryan, Carol Denison, Lillian Weakley, Lena Mae Weekly & Travis Edwards.



Who Needs Christmas?

The narrative of Jesus' birth is miraculous especially when you look at all the events in the Old Testament leading up to this point in time.

It was only "when the set time had fully come" that God sent Jesus into the world "that we might receive adoption to sonship" (Galatians 4:4-5). God sent Jesus to do what laws and regulations, judges and prophets, and exile and punishment could not accomplish. He sent Jesus not merely to deliver us from the penalty and consequences of our sin, but to actually break the power of the enemy and free us from our slavery to sin.

Through Christmas, we are reminded that even when it seems God is silent, he is always working. God sent Jesus not simply to be the Savior of the world but to be the Savior in our world. Through Christmas, we are reminded that God always keeps his promises to us.

Please join us Sundays, beginning today, December 1st in the Journey Room at 9:15 for this 4-week DVD-based study.



Do you like to bake or entertain?

Would you like to provide a treat or snack for Father Factor Meetings?



During their next session on Mondays from November 4 through December 23, would you like to again bless this group with a treat each week. If you'd like to help out, just sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. See December Newsletter for more details or contact Kim Dershem.



We've had Black Friday and Small Business Saturday; tomorrow is Cyber Monday. Today is **SCRIP SUNDAY!!!** Just in time for Christmas get your gift cards here! Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or use them to buy your gifts, we have over 760 top brands to pick from!

SCRIP orders will be taken December 1 and 8 in the Library before and after Worship. The

SCRIP program sells gift cards at face value and the church makes money. Your order can be picked up next Sunday.

A list of retailers can be found at

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse#?saved>. Click on either "Alphabetical List" or "Category List". Printed lists and order forms are located in the Library and on the sign-up table in the Sanctuary.

During the month of December there will be a special promotion offering some name brand gift cards for \$5 or \$10 (instead of the regular \$25) – a perfect idea for stocking stuffers.

Retailers participating in this promotion are:

\$10 – Amazon.com, Applebee's, CVS, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster and Walmart

\$5 – Barnes & Noble, Panera, Starbucks & Taco Bell

Please see Peggy, Louise or Lois if you have questions.

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EARNs A REBATE

Today is the last day to order poinsettias so please see the insert to order yours today!



December at a Glance

Dec 1 – 1st Week of Advent – Communion

Dec 5 – 6:30pm Sights & Sounds of Christmas

Dec 7 – 9-11am Y Healthy Kids Packing Party

Dec 8 – 7:00pm Handel's Messiah at MVNU \$5.00

Dec 12 – 4:00pm Candlewick Commons Dinner

Dec 15 – Congregational Christmas Dinner, After Service

Dec 22 – Special Christmas Cantata Lite, In Worship

Dec 24 – 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



**Saturday, December 7th, 2:00pm at
2nd Presbyterian Church**

A wonderful start to the Christmas Season! A piano and organ duet featuring wonderful Christmas hymns followed by congregational singing of that hymn.

Ann Robinson pianist and Rick Black organist.