

~This Week at 1st Presbyterian~

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2019

~2nd Sunday of Advent ~

Prelude: Angels from the Realm of Glory

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration

Hymn #277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Moment for Missions:

Choral Anthem: Dear Little Stranger

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent – The Peace Candle

Children's Time:

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-5

Hymn #249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Nicene Creed:

Message: Theology of Christmas: Jesus Is God

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: Sweet Little Jesus Child

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 #251 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Charge, Blessing and Sending with Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Postlude: People Look East



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

Monday, December 9

6:00-8:00 pm - Father Factor

TUESDAY, December 10

Noon -Free Spark Luncheon

5:30pm - E&O Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 11

7pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, December 12

4:00 pm – Candlewick Commons Dinner

7:00 pm – Women's AA Meeting

SUNDAY, December 15

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

10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour

10:45 to Noon – Worship

Congregational Christmas Dinner after Worship

This 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:** Peggy Lieb

Next Sunday, ~12-15~ Liturgist: Louise Whitis, **Sound Room:** Brian Lieb, **Extended Church:** Priscilla Hare, **Money Counters:** Keith Hare, Rose Gibson, **Greeters:** Karen Sillin, Kenita Keck, Christa Brace, Barb Jobes; **Nursery:** Diane Dodson, **Children's Sermon:** Tina Angeletti, **Coffee Hour:** Gaye Gibson



*Why do the bells of Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?*

*Once a lovely shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light,
Made a manger's cradle bright.*

*There a darling baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay;
And its mother sung and smiled:
"This is Christ, the holy Child!"*

*Therefore bells for Christmas ring,
Therefore little children sing.*

First Presbyterian Church



Theology of Christmas: Jesus IS God Hebrews 1:1-5

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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.
- Becky Mulquin-Johnson** (friend of Kim Dershem) was hit by a truck and is still having pain in left side of her chest.
- Bruce Peterson** –(Becky’s Sister’s BIL) stage 4 cancer , it is hard to breath but he is comfortable
- 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)- many health concerns
- John Dennison** – is having cataract surgery. Blood clot is virtually dissolved. Carol is doing fine.
- Mike Mahon**- gastro apt went well. Changed his meds which will hopefully help.
- Joy Carrera** (Mahon’s Flight Coordinator/Pilot) In Brazil with sister-in-law Cindy and Mom and Dad. Many prayer needs.
- Pastor Brigido Ramirez** (from Mahons’s) Praise- he didn’t have a stoke, his jaw was dislocated and looked like a stoke.

~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.



LAST CHANCE!!! Today is the last day to purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program for Christmas. 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!

Some name brand gift cards are available 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 stop by the Library before for after Worship today to place your order. Your order can be picked up next Sunday. (If you need your order before then, please make arrangements with Peggy.)

Printed lists and order forms are located in the Library and on the sign-up table in the Sanctuary.

Please see Peggy, Priscilla, Louise or Lois if you have questions.
[Following Christmas, SCRIP orders will be taken on the first Sunday of each month.]

December at a Glance

- 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**



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.

Coming in January

- Jan 5 – After Worship- un-decorate the church w/ lunch**
- Jan 11 – 9:30-3:00 – Elder Training @ Worthington P.C.**
- Jan 19 –After Worship Congregational Meeting**