

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2019

~3rd Sunday of Advent ~

Prelude: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration

Hymn #272 While Shepherds Watched their Flocks (1,2,& 4)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem: When Will Messiah Come?

With Barb Jobses on Tambourine

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent – The Hope Candle

Children's Time:

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

Hymn #265 The First Noel (vs 1,3 & 6)

Scripture Reading: John 1:10-13

Nicene Creed:

Message: Theology of Christmas: Even Before Christmas

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: Consolation on Stille Nacht

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 #262 Away in a Manger

Charge, Blessing and Sending with Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Postlude: A Christmas Medley

~This Week at 1st Presbyterian~



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 today

Monday, December 16

6:00-8:00 pm - Father Factor

TUESDAY, December 17

Noon -Free Spark Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, December 18

7pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, December 19

7:00 pm – Women's AA Meeting

SUNDAY, December 22

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

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10:45 to Noon – Worship w/special Christmas Cantata

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

Next Sunday, ~12-22~ Liturgist: Louise Whitis, **Sound Room:** Sam Lieb, **Extended Church:** Diana Brand, **Money Counters:** Karen Fish, Sandy Noland **Greeters;** Sandy Noland, Keith Hare, **Lois Spangler, Nursery:** Sarah Bowles, **Children's Sermon:** Thom Ogilvie, **Coffee Hour:** Open

~Prayer Needs~

- Blake Brand** is having his adenoids removed Dec. 12.
- Mike** –(Rose Novell’s daughter Nikki’s husband) has medical issues but now contacted pneumonia and is not getting better.
- Shannon Drake** -in her pregnancy and a safe delivery.
- 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
- Cindy Barber** (Greg Angeletti’s neighbor) is undergoing chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer.
- Lovona Parkhill**, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- Kay Kittel** – is able to drive now. Thank you for your prayers.
- Karen Dayton (Kay Kittel’s sister)** is home now. Praise God
- 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 stroke, his jaw was dislocated and looked like a stroke.
- Linda Mattis** –fell and broke her left femur. The Dr. put pins in both hips to stabilize them due to former issues with cancer.

~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.

First Presbyterian Church



Theology of Christmas: Even Before Christmas

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