

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU FOR WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 2, 2018**



**REV. DAVID SMITH  
MINISTER**

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

December 2, 2018

10:15 am

**Assemble in God's Name**

**BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING**

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.  
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*



**PRELUDE**

Christmas Pageant: Silent Monks

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Cusack

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.  
***Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.***

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Roger, Betsy, Chandler and Elliott Akeman



Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

***We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,  
remembering the promises of God with prayer.***

We light this candle in hope.

"God will also strengthen you to the end,  
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 1:8)



*Sung Congregational Response. (Tune: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above")*

***We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.***

God of hope, out of death you bring life.

Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

***God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.***

*Words to "The Candle of Hope" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette – ©Copyright 2015; used with permission.  
Liturgy by Teresa Lockhart Eisenlohr. Week one icon by Swen-Peter Ekkebus from the Noun Project.*



**\*HYMN 2 (Blue Hymnal)**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**



***Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.***

**PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God.***



**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior we eagerly await, be with you.

***And also with you!***



\*RESPONSE No. 576 (Blue Hymnal) "Gloria, Gloria"  
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**Proclaim God's Word**



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT 738  
 The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**



ANTHEM "The Winter Rose" J. Martin  
 Chancel Choir

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above,  
 God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love.  
 It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep.  
 So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.  
 The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight.  
 And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light.  
 They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume.  
 And in the bleak mid-winter the Rose began to bloom.  
 O let us now remember her when God put on the thorn.  
 And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36 NT 85  
 The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ!**



THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Wonderful Counselor" The Rev. David Smith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed  
***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
 seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the  
 dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Give Thanks To God**



\*HYMN 11 (Blue Hymnal) "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.)

OFFERTORY "Advent" E. Titcomb



\*DOXOLOGY No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
***God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised  
 to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts  
 of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we  
 watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.***

## The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



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.***

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Communion will be distributed by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle.*

*The servers nearest the pulpit have gluten free bread.*

*Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.*

*Servers with regular bread are also located at the rear of the sanctuary and in the balcony.*

#### THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

***Have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

***Grant us your peace.***

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



***Gracious God, even as we wait for your coming, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all we meet. We pray in the name of Jesus and use the words he taught, “Our Father, who art in heaven . . .”***

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use ‘debts’ and ‘debtors.’*)

### Go In God's Name



\*HYMN 8 (Blue Hymnal)

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



\*RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

*Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom!*

*Let us re-joice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.*



POSTLUDE

“Lift Up Your Heads (‘Truro’)”

S. Bingham

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*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!** If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by the Schucks in honor of their family and friends.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!**

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Bill Cusack

JUNIOR CHURCH: Brad Thomas

SIP N CHAT: Worship – Hanging of the Greens

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

SOUND SYSTEM: John Scheve

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: The Evans Family

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY! ENJOY THIS DAY OF WORSHIP, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP.**

**Children’s Pageant and Communion**

**Hanging of the Greens**

Lunch with chili and hotdogs (vegetarian options included) and activities for children

Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas

**Miracle on 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Mission Event**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, THE CHANCEL CHOIR WILL BE SHARING THE CANTATA “The Winter Rose” during worship. Please come and be a part of this wonderful musical offering!**

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Rehearsal is moved this week to Thursday, December 6th at 7pm in the sanctuary.

**PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE MARIETTA COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at the Basilica of St. Mary this coming Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30pm.

**WE ARE REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT** by printing fewer bulletins and inviting worshippers to share.

**THE ADVENT READER *GOD WITH US* IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE ENTRANCES.**

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER MAKING A COMMITMENT FOR 2019 TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET.** You can also make a commitment to our youth ministry. Commitment cards may be placed in the offering plate. There are extra Live Simply packets and commitment cards near the entrances.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG IS AVAILABLE.** Look for the table to fill out your gift order the next 4 weeks. For 8 Weeks of Giving this year, we are featuring different ministries each week. This week Living Waters for the World is being highlighted.

**LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD** provides sustainable clean water and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need. Living Water trains volunteers to establish and lead mission teams to implement water purification systems and health education.

**WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEW RACKS.**

**KAREN’S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IS [firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com).**

**SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP IS POSTED, INCLUDING EARLY 2019 DATES.** Simple snacks are fine.

**THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED.** Sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday for \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you want in the bulletin for that Sunday.

**SIGNUP FOR THE EMAIL VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER! CONSIDER THE BENEFITS:** It’s in beautiful color, saves the church money and lowers our carbon foot print. Please use the tear off below or contact Karen ([firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com) or 740-373-1800).

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**YES, I want the email version of the Presby Packet...in color!** (place in offering plate)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP.** These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY FEAST** for Deliveries, Publicity, Janitor/Clean-up, Kitchen/Cooking, Hospitality/Serving, Desserts. Donations of money, milk, juice, fresh fruits, Christmas cards and home cooked dishes are welcome. Please call Bruce Haas (740-629-1277).

**HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS?** *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

**FPC MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE!** These are great for holding up all those other assorted papers that wind up on frig doors. Pick one up near the entrances.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:**

**DECEMBER 9, 30 - 1-3PM FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**DECEMBER 9, 23, 7-8:30PM FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE**

**SPECIAL EVENTS!!!**

**DECEMBER 2ND – MIRACLE ON FOURTH FROM 12-5PM** This year we are making No Sew Fleece Throw blankets to be donated to and distributed by the Gospel Mission Food Pantry. We will help with Hanging of the Greens and then work on the blanket project. We will have snacks, activities, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

**DECEMBER 16TH - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY 5-7PM** - On this Saturday, we will be hosting an awesome Christmas Party at the VanDyk house. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange, holiday themed games, and of course, delicious Christmas snacks. All gifts should be less than \$10, and ridiculous gag gifts are wildly encouraged.

**NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** – Sundays 1 to 3 pm  
Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

**High School & College Group** – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7:00 to 8:30 pm at FPC  
Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

***Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance***

**ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2 - 9**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
9:00 – Presby Praise  
9:15 – Pageant Practice  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Hanging of the Greens  
12:00 – Glorify!  
12:00 – Miracle on 4th

**Monday**

6:00 – Building & Admin  
7:00 - Deacons

**Tuesday**

12:00 – Endowments  
5:00 – Glorify! Combo  
7:00 – Marietta Children's  
Choir

**Wednesday**

10:00 – Evangelism &  
Discipleship  
3:20 - Scholars  
5:00 – Westminster Bells  
6:30 – Joyful Hearts

**Thursday**

5:30 – Girl Scouts  
6:00 – Stewardship  
7:00 – AA  
7:00 – Chancel Choir

**Friday**

**Saturday**

8:00 – Men's Fellowship  
9:00 – AA  
10:00 – SDA Church  
School & Worship

**Next Sunday**

Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Cantata: "Winter Rose"