

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
November 25, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith  
Minister**



## **Our Vision**

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,  
We will strive to share the  
Good News with the world,  
To nurture our faith, and to  
Go into the world sharing  
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
*Reign of Christ*

November 25, 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

“O Kingly Love, that Faithfully”

R. Hillert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dottie Erb

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
*and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
*The whole earth is full of God's glory.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Ruling God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds and hearts. Speak the power of Jesus' name in a way that we might hear it. Give us the strength to bear Jesus' name into the world in ways that make your presence real. Grant us the gift of our very breath, your Holy Spirit. Amen.*



\*HYMN 262 (Blue Hymnal)

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



*Holy God, we call you Lord, but only give you fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.*

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—  
it cannot be contained, but must be poured out.  
*We believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.  
We live as a people set free!*



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!  
*And also with you!*



\*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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ANTHEM

“Arise, My Soul, Arise!”  
Chancel Choir

arr. Dale Wood

Arise my soul, arise! Stretch forth to change eternal,  
And haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God,  
Though hid from mortal eyes, He dwells in light supernal,  
Yet worship Him in humbleness and own Him Lord.  
His banquet of love Awaits thee above;  
Behold, the marriage festal of the lamb is come!  
Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, To heaven lift up thy voice: Alleluia!  
List to the harps of heaven! Hark to the song victorious,  
The never ending anthem sounding through the sky.  
To mortals is not given to chant its strains all glorious;  
Yet sing, my soul, the praise of Him who reigns on high.  
Who bought with His Blood The ransomed of God  
To Him be everlasting power and victory.  
And let the great Amen Resound through heaven again. Alleluia!



SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

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THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Where Is His Kingdom From?”

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 155 (Blue Hymnal)

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

DARWALL’S 148TH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.



THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, page 16 of the hymnal. We use “debts” and “debtors.”)



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



OFFERTORY

“O Worship the King”

F. Peeters

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to God.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give you thanks and praise. Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more. We pray by the power of his name. Amen.*

**Go In God's Name**



\*HYMN 447 (Blue Hymnal)

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

LANCASHIRE

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! (‘Miles Lane’)”

H. Willan

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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 Murdocks in celebration of Dick’s birthday.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Dottie Erb

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Jim Warner & Becky Schmehl

SOUND SYSTEM: Barb Wieferich

SIP N CHAT: Ann Anderson

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

USHERS: Rick & Judy Peoples, Bonita Smith

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

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR MIRACLE ON FOURTH.** This annual youth and children’s event involves our young people in outreach to the community and support of those in need. See the insert for details of their work this year and please use the provided envelopes for contributions. Miracle on Fourth will take place on Sunday, December 2 following the Hanging of the Greens.

**MANY THANKS** to those who participated in our community blood drive on 11/19. With the 32 units of blood collected, the American Red Cross has the opportunity to help 96 people!

**OUR COMMUNITY MEAL IS THIS TUESDAY.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you are able to help out. The menu is taco soup, sloppy joes, peaches and dessert.

**REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT!** We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

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

**WE HAVE ADDED VISUAL ICONS TO OUR BULLETIN.** These will help our youngest members who are pre-readers or learning to read to better understand the service.

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! COME ENJOY A DAY OF WORSHIP, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP.**

**Children's Pageant** at 10:15am to begin worship.

**Communion**

**Hanging of the Greens**

Lunch with chili and hotdogs (vegetarians options included)

Activities for the children

Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas

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

**THE LIVE SIMPLY STEWARDSHIP PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED.** 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 packets and commitment cards near the entrances.

**THANK YOU TO THE DONORS, SNACK PROVIDERS, AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE BLOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!**

**MISSION COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR A COORDINATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY MEAL.** Responsibilities include overseeing the meal planning, grocery shopping and working with Harvest of Hope on food deliveries. See Jim Barengo if you are interested or for more information.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG IS AVAILABLE.** Look for the table to fill out your gift order on Sundays, December 2 and 9. For 8 Weeks of Giving this year, we will be featuring different ministries each week. This week the Latrobe Street Mission is being highlighted.

**THE LATROBE STREET MISSION PROVIDES FOOD, SHELTER, AND CLOTHING TO ANYONE IN NEED** and seeks to do God's will through the help of local churches, communities, charities, and businesses. The two-story 15,000 square foot mission provides emergency shelter for men, women, and children. The facility has a dining room, showers, restrooms and has approximately 130 beds (90 for men and 40 for women and children). Longer term transitional housing for 12-18 months is also available.

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR KAREN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.** Her new email address is [firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com).

**THERE'S AN UNCLAIMED BLUE COLEMAN COOLER** in the conference room off of fellowship hall. It was used at the neighborhood Jam and is ready to go back home with its owner.

**THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED.** You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. The final date available for 2018 is December 30.

**THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE REST OF 2018 AND FIRST SIX WEEKS OF 2019 IS POSTED.** Simple snacks are fine. Final openings of 2018 are December 9 and 23.

**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!** (please place in offering plate)

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

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

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

**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 NOW 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 first help with the Hanging of the Greens and then get to work on our blanket project. We will have snacks, activities, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

**DECEMBER 15TH - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6-8PM** - On this Saturday, we will be hosting an awesome Christmas Party in the youth room at FPC. 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 NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 2**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

11:30 – Community Meal  
5:00 – Glorify! Combo  
6:00 – Worship & Music  
7:00 – AA District 15

**Wednesday**

3:20 - Scholars  
5:00 – Westminster Bells  
6:30 – Joyful Hearts  
7:15 – Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

**Saturday**

8:00 – Men's Fellowship  
9:00 – AA  
10:00 – SDA Church  
School & Worship  
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

**Next Sunday – Advent Begins**

Scriptures  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Luke 21:25-36  
Sermon: "Wonderful  
Counselor"