

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU FOR WORSHIP
DECEMBER 9, 2018**



**REV. DAVID SMITH
MINISTER**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Advent


December 9, 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 "Meditation on 'Winchester New'" C. Callahan
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "The First Noel"
PresbyPraise


CALL TO WORSHIP Bonnie Donnelly
John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;
He preaches to us still.
Make straight the paths we now walk
Prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.


 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jamie Farmer, Hannah Miller, Taylor Offenberger,
Cal Rutter, and Gwen Sour
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.
We light this candle for peace.
"Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky."
(Psalm 85:10-11)

 Sung Congregational Response (tune - "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above", remain seated)
***The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.***

God of hope, God of peace, you speak peace into the world through the way of the Christ-child.
Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.
God of promise, God of peace, 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 two icon by Swen-Peter Ekkebus from the Noun Project.*

 *HYMN 10 (Blue Hymnal) "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" WINCHESTER NEW
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 ***Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always
determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our
society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, we can be confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us.
The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Praise 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 Malachi 3:1-4 OT 889
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S SERMON Brad Thomas



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:68-79 NT 58
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA “Winter Rose” by Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

Give Thanks To God



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.”*)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Pastor David



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



OFFERTORY “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Genevan Psalter
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” P. Kickstat

***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. God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go In God's Name



***HYMN 601 (Blue Hymnal)** “Song of Zechariah” KINGSFOLD

***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**



POSTLUDE “Savior of the Nations, Come” F. W. Zachow

**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 Nancy and Mike McCartney in memory of loved ones.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE CANTATA THIS MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Bonnie Donnelly

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Bonita Smith and Marla Hoerst

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

USHERS: Virginia Graves, Marla Hoerst, Jim & Susan Barengo, Bonita Smith

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

REMINDER: Next Wednesday, the 12th, please considering coming to Chancel Choir rehearsal. We are working on Christmas Eve music and would love for you to be a part of this musical celebration!

THE MID-OHIO VALLEY RINGERS PRESENT Ring We Now Of Christmas on Saturday, December 15 at 4pm at Emmauel Baptist Church, Parkersburg, WV.

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 3 weeks. For 8 Weeks of Giving this year, we are featuring different ministries each week. This week Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is being highlighted.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. Assistance provides for basic humanitarian needs like food, water, medicine, shelter and critical supplies that bring hope. Assistance is provided nationally and internationally.

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.

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.

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).

CPR/AED FIRST TIME TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION WILL BE OFFERED IN JANUARY. Cost is \$22 for either training. Please sign up on the big bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance if you are interested. Reserve your spot by Sunday, December 23. Training dates are as follows:

- Recertification: Sunday, January 6 at noon
- First time training: Sunday, January 13 at noon

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 6 pm Lessons and Carols with Candlelight
- 11 pm Candlelight and Communion

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.

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 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
DECEMBER 9, 23, 7-8:30PM FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

SUNDAY, 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.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th 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 9 - 16

Sunday

- 9:00 – Adult SunSch
- 9:00 – Presby Praise
- 9:15 – Children/Youth SunSchool
- 10:15 – Worship
- 11:30 – Sip N Chat
- 11:45 – Glorify!
- 1:00 – Youth Group
- 7:00 – High School & College Group

Monday

Tuesday

- 8:00 – Mental Health First Aid
- 10:00 – Christian Education
- 5:00 – Glorify! Combo
- 7:00 - Session

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 5:30 – Girl Scouts
- 5:30 – MOV Interfaith
- 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

- Scriptures
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Luke 3:7-18
- Sermon – “Mighty God”