

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
January 6, 2019**

**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
Epiphany

January 6, 2019

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

"First Fantaisie for Clarinet, 1st movement"
Kell Campbell

Georges Marty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Donnelly

We gather in the Light that was before, is now, and ever will be.

We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.

We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

We live into the Light's new wisdom.

We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

We seek to share this wisdom, nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



God of Light and Love, in this very moment the star still beckons. Gather us and let the star call us to new ways of healing and hope, restoration and renewal, as we discover again Christ's call to discipleship. Amen.



*HYMN 68 (Blue Hymnal)

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and renew us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!



*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



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Refrain 66 (Blue Hymnal)

***O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!***



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 72:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 533



SPECIAL MUSIC

“Who Would Send a Baby?”
Gwen Sour

Mary Beall



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-18
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

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THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Marla Hoerst

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Weeping”

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 64 (Blue Hymnal)

“From a Distant Land”

ISLA DEL ENCATO



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



OFFERTORY

“First Fantaisie for Clarinet, 2nd movement”

Georges Marty

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus. Overjoyed the men knelt and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. 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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



*Communion will be served. The bread is passed first.
The smaller tray has gluten free bread and should be passed first.
The larger with the wheat bread should be passed second.
Please pass both bread trays. Select from one and partake.
The juice tray is passed second. Please take a cup and hold it. We will partake together.*

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



Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. We pray using the words Jesus taught, "Our Father . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We use 'debts' and 'debtors'.)

Go In God's Name



*HYMN 63 (Blue Hymnal) "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

*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 "Noel Suisse" L-C. Daquin

**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.

TODAY, WE WILL RECEIVE THE CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING WHICH SUPPORTS THE FOOD PANTRY. Many households set aside loose change at meal times. There are cups you can use to collect for this in the narthex. Buckets are located near the entrances. You can deposit your offering as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

MUCH OF THE LITANY FOR TODAY IS TAKEN FROM AN EPIPHANY SERVICE AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Gary and Linda O'Brien in celebration of their anniversary.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KELL CAMPBELL AND GWEN SOUR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL GIFTS THIS MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Bonnie Donnelly

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Marla Hoerst

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

SIP N CHAT: Kathy & Cathy

USHERS: Jill Anderson, Nancy & Mike McCartney, Bonita Smith

MUSICAL NOTES: Westminster Bells, Joyful Hearts and Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 9th. Glorify! Combo rehearsal will start on Tuesday, January 8th at 5pm.

DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BLESS OTHERS? Consider blessing others with your musical gifts by joining one of the church music groups.

PresbyPraise (children): Sundays from 9 to 9:15 in the Chapel

Glorify! (youth): Right after the service in the Chapel

Westminster Bells (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 5 to 6 in the Bell room

Joyful Hearts (women's gospel chorus): Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 in the Chapel

Chancel Choir (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 in the Chapel

TAKING DOWN THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: If you would like to help with this, please stay after worship today. Please speak to Betsy Akeman or Kelly Campbell who are organizing the effort.

CPR/AED TRAINING: This Sunday following worship Marla Hoerst is conducting recertification training. Next week she will be training first timers. Speak to Marla about today's training if you are interested. You can still sign up for next week on the big bulletin board by the Wooster entrance. Training today is in the Bell Room.

HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PER CAPITA. Per Capita is a per member apportionment the church makes to the denomination to support expenses at the local, regional and national level. This year's per capita is \$30.56. Please consider a donation to help with this \$6700 line-item in the budget. Please mark your contribution "per capita".

WOULD YOU LIKE AN 8-FOOT TABLE? The church is replacing the old, heavy wooden tables with lighter plastic tables. Please let Bob Gray know if you would like one of the old tables.

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

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 SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR FIRST SIX WEEKS OF 2019 IS POSTED. Simple snacks are fine.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:
JANUARY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH FROM 1-3PM FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
JANUARY 6TH, 20TH FROM 6:30-8PM FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

Youth Bowling Night (6th-12thgrade) 6-8PM - Join us at Pastime Lanes in Downtown Marietta for a night of Bowling. Everything is included: the lanes, the shoes, even the ball! We will plan to meet at Pastime at 6PM and there will of course be plenty of food for all! This event is for all students from 6th - 12th grade.

NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade – Sundays 1 to 3pm

Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

High School & College Group – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7 to 8:30pm 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 JANUARY 6-14

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/ Youth
 Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat

Monday

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

Tuesday

12:00 - Endowments
5:00 – Glorify! Combo

Wednesday

10:00 – Evangelism &
 Discipleship
11:00 - PEO
3:20 – Scholars on Fourth
4:00 – Worship Staff
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
5:30 – Stampin Up
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Baptism of the Lord

Scriptures
 Isaiah 43:1-7
 Luke 3:7-23a
Sermon – “Into the Water”