

# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 9, 2018

## Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Shall we still dread God's displeasure, who, to save, freely gave His most cherished Treasure? To redeem us, He hath given His own Son from the throne of His might in heaven. He becomes the Lamb that taketh sin away and for aye full atonement maketh. For our life His own He tenders; and our race, by His grace, fit for glory renders. (Paul Gerhardt)

**Choral Introit:** Song of the Prophets (Stanzas 1, 2, 18)

**God Calls His People into Worship** Psalm 147:1-6 (p. 492)

**\*God's People Respond in Praise** Hymn 500  
"Rock of Ages"

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**God's People Confess Their Faith: WLC74**

Q. What is Adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God in and for His only Son Jesus Christ in which all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put upon them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His fatherly care and compassion, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

## Introduction of New Member

Gary Sutherland

**God Calls His People to Repentance**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; (Isaiah 53:6)

**God's People Confess Their Sin**

Almighty God, we confess to You, that we have sinned against You in ways that should shock us and that indeed grieve You. Make us truly sorry. Fill us with holy fear, and give us grace to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, so that we may walk and delight in obedience to Your Word. Make us kind and merciful as You are. Make us willing to forgive others as You have forgiven us. Give us the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we might be humble, patient, courageous in love, and abundant in joy as He is. For we ask it in His name, Amen.

## Silent Confession

## God Declares the Good News of Our Forgiveness in Christ

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:3-5)

**\*God's People Praise Him for Forgiveness in Christ** Hymn 194  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

## God's People Respond by the Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. (2 Cor. 8:7–8)

**Choral Offertory:** "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

## God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares Upon Him

"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive...Our help is in the name of the LORD who made the heaven and the earth." (Psalm 124:1-2, 8)

**\*Hymn of Preparation** Hymn 220  
"From Heaven High I Come to You"  
(Choir stanzas 1-2, Congregation stanzas 3-6)

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:1-7, Matthew 21:41-46 (p.536, 776)

**God Feeds His People through His Word** Rev. Ryan Biese  
"A Son is Given, a Child is Born"

**\*Hymn of Response** Hymn 195  
"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

## \*Benediction

\*We invite you to stand, if you are able.

## Ministry Opportunities for Everyone

- Children / Youth Ministry
- Greeters
- Intercessory Prayer
- Local Outreach
- Men's Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Missions Work
- Nursery
- Scouting Programs
- Visitation
- Women in the Church

### *I am interested in...*

- Becoming a Christian
- Joining this Church
- Family Activities
- Joining a Bible Study
- Other Interests:

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### *Comments or Questions*

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### *Request Sermons on CD*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### *Special Needs*

- I want to speak with the Pastor.
- I want to know more about this Church.

### *Prayer Requests*

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**Thank You For Visiting!**

December 9, 2018

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!  
It is important for us to get to know you.  
Please fill out this form (both sides) and  
drop it in the offering plate. Also be  
sure to mark any items about which you  
would like more information.

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Status (circle)

Single Married Student

Children's Names and Ages:

**Are you...**

- New to the community
  - Looking for a new church home
  - First Time Visitor
  - Second-Time or More Visitor
  - Out-of-town Visitor
  - Member of another church
- Church Name \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about our church?**

- Friend
- Newspaper
- Website
- Church Sign
- Mail
- Yellow Pages
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Today**

10:45 AM Morning Worship

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:10 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, December 10**

7:15 PM Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, December 12**

9-10 AM Ladies Prayer Group

6-7 PM Supper Club

7-8 PM Adult Bible Study, Kids Quest and Youth Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*This Lord's Day evening** we begin our series in evening worship on some of the favorite hymns of Christ's incarnation. This week we will meditate on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Please close the Lord's Day together with us at 6:00 p.m.

\*There will be a service of **Nine Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.** Please consider adding this service to your holiday schedule and inviting a friend as well!

\***Choir rehearsal** will meet after evening worship this Lord's Day evening.

**Nursery Schedule**

	<u>Today:</u>	<u>December 16, 2018</u>
AM Worship	Marcy Tuggle	Sarah Wilson
	Macy Sheets	Caroline Ellis

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**SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION**

9:30 AM—Coffee and Fellowship

9:45 AM— Sunday School

10:45AM— Morning Worship

6:00 PM—Evening Worship

**Elders:** David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, Wil Davis, and Ryan Biese

**Deacons:** Wade Brumley, Bob Keller, Mike Wilson, and Lance Wood



I love the LORD, because He has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
(Psalm 116:1-2)