

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 22, 2019

The Introit: "The Word Was Made Flesh" (see insert)

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise** Hymn 225 (stanzas 1-4)

"Once in Royal David's City"

***The Prayer of Adoration**

The Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 23 & 27

Q23: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A23: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q27: In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

A27: Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

God Calls Us to Repentance: Exod. 20:1-2, 17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

God's People Confess Their Sin

Our God and our Holy Father, every good and perfect gift comes from above. And You have graciously poured out more than we could possibly imagine. You have given us this beautiful creation to subdue and cultivate. You have given us Your word to sustain us and change us. You have given us Son Your Son and Your Spirit to give us life and hope. You have provided for our daily needs, and Your Son has gone to prepare a place for us. And You have given us relationships, which are a joy and help us persevere. And yet despite Your lavish generosity, we simply want more. We fill our minds with the things that we do not have, instead of gratefully living in the grace of what we have been given. We delude ourselves that

just one more item, one more experience, one more person will bring peace and contentment that can only be found in You. Please restore unto us the joy of our salvation. Kindly give to us a profound rest in what You have done for us in Jesus. Help us desire to know the giver, instead of getting lost in the gifts. In Jesus' name.

Silent Confession

God Assures Us of Forgiveness in Christ: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving** Psalm 6 (insert)

God's People Worship through Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Offertory "Empty He Came" (see insert)

God Calls His People to Prayer: James 1:17-18

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

***The Hymn of Preparation** Hymn 223

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 (p. 805)

The Preaching of God's Word Rev. Ryan Biese

Our Redeemer's Work: Christ's Humiliation

***The Hymn of Commitment** Hymn 230

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

***The Benediction**

***The Response** Hymn 225

"Once in Royal David's City" (stanza 5)

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned: All in white shall wait around.

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:

Comments or Questions

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

Thank You For Visiting!

December 22, 2019

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 Widowed 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

5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

5:45 PM Prayer Meeting (Church Parlor)

6:15 PM Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM Lessons and Carols Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are due each week by Wednesday at 5:00 PM to office@FPFO.org

***The Church Office is closed December 24-January 1, 2020.** Bulletin Announcements for Dec. 29 are due Monday by noon.

***The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is 5:00 p.m. on December 24.** Please consider adding this service to your holiday schedule.

Please note the schedule changes for the next two Sundays. Our normal schedule will resume January 12, 2020.

Revised Lord's Day Schedule Dec. 29 and Jan. 5:

10:15 AM Coffee & Carols in the Fellowship Hall

10:35 AM Session Meeting in the Small Parlor

10:45 AM Morning Worship

5:45 PM Prayer Meeting (Church Parlor)

6:15 PM Evening Worship

*The officers have scheduled a forum for **January 5** to present the **2020 Budget** to the congregation as well as take questions from the saints.

*The **Youth Retreat to Ridge Haven** will be **June 8-13**; the cost \$320. A **deposit of \$100** is due Jan. 29. Fundraising opportunities are available.

***Capital Improvements Fund** Balance is \$9,596.20. Our goal is \$60,000.

Nursery Schedule

Today:

Marcy Tuggle & Susanna Wilson
(PM) Mary Lou Wilson

December 29, 2019

Sarah Wilson & Macy Sheets
(PM) Susanna Wilson

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SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

9:45 p.m. Gathering Prayer & Praise | 9:55 a.m. Sunday School | 10:45 a.m. Worship

5:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting | 6:15 p.m. Worship

Pastor: Ryan Biese, email: rfbiese@gmail.com

Ruling Elders: David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, and Wil Davis

Diaconate: Wade Brumley, Bob Keller (chairman), and Lance Wood (clerk)



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How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

(Psalm 84:1-2)