



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

People: *May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.*

Leader: God gives rest from all that afflicts us.

People: *God goes with us wherever we go.*

Leader: This is the God who lifts up the lowly

People: *and fills the hungry with good things; the Lord's name be praised.*

*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" No. 140

SPECIAL MUSIC "Light the Advent Candle" ~ arr. Eleanor Daly

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Evans Family

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we wish we had the faith and courage of your servant, Mary. We confess, though, that when you demand hard service or sacrifice from us, we seek a way out of serving you. We are quick to judge others and unwilling to meet all people as your beloved children. Our prejudices and opinions often get in the way of your will for our lives. Forgive us, O God. Have mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting and God's mercy is to children's children. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Please share a sign of peace with others.

*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN SERMON

Amy Evans

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"An Angelic Mind-Changer"

Dan Wilkers

SENDING

*HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 129

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" No. 107

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (12/18)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	11:30a	PGA Barn Dinner Theater
Mon (12/19)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
Tue (12/20)	5:00p	Weight Watchers
Wed (12/21)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
Thu (12/22)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri (12/23)		Church Office Closed No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (12/24)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
	6:00p	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Sun (12/25)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!



Crisis Control: During the month of December, Crisis Control is in need of toilet paper. Please place your donations in the Crisis Control box in the Narthex.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Tax Deductible Donation: How can you help First Presbyterian Church before this year ends? Consider giving an **extra** donation to help meet the budget for 2016. Remember all donations given before December 30, 2016 are tax deductible for this year.

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Serving Today (Dec 18)

Greeters: Joy Lynn Budkey
Sam Henderson
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow
Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush
Acolyte: Isaac Downing

Serving Saturday (Dec 24)

Ushers: Rusty Sudderth
Lynda Self
Element Prep: Nancy Bolen
Assisting Elder: Nancy Bolen

Serving Sunday (Dec 25)

Greeters: TBD
Ushers: TBD
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen