

**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**

<b>Today</b> (12/29)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (12/30)	9:00a 9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
<b>Tue</b> (12/31)		<i>New Year's Eve</i> Church Offices Closed
<b>Wed</b> (01/01)		<i>New Year's Day</i> Church Offices Closed
<b>Thu</b> (01/02)		Church Offices Closed
<b>Fri</b> (01/03)		Church Offices Closed
<b>Sat</b> (01/04)	9a-6p	Private Party
<b>Sun</b> (01/05)	9:30a 10:30a 11:30a	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Sunday School Worship Service Removing of the Greens

**Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.**

**Removing of the Greens:** On January 5, immediately following worship service, we will remove all the Christmas decorations. Please prayerfully consider staying to help with this mission. The more individuals, the quicker the task will be completed. Thank you.

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars-For-Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

**Blessing Box:** Please continue to support the Blessing Box. It is being visited quite frequently and because of this we are in need of the following:

- ◆ Canned Vegetables
  - Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Meat
  - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, etc.
- ◆ Boxed Pasta
  - Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ◆ Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Ramen Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Mixes
- ◆ Other Non-perishable Foods



# First Presbyterian Church

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December 29, 2024—First Sunday of Christmas

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation. Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

**All: God commanded, and we were created. We are children of the Most High.**

One: Praise God from the heights of heaven. Praise God, all people of the earth.

**All: God opens our eyes to see the light. We will be called by a new name.**

One: Men and women, youth and aged, sing of God's glory; shout your praise.

**All: God has made us heirs of promise. We will praise God's holy name. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bring our prayers to you, gracious God, sensing that there is more to life than the ways we have known. We are drawn to the Messiah, yet we shrink from following where faith leads. We are afraid of what we might lose if we are guided by the Spirit. Thoughts of sacrifice and servanthood are not appealing to us. We are reluctant to enter into a close relationship with you. We think we know, better than you, what is best for us. Forgive our arrogance. Help us to see the Christ.

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

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rejoice in God! Exalt God's name! You will be clothed with garments of salvation. They will fit you better than anything you have known. The robes of righteousness are not heavy burdens, but offer a freedom you have not felt before. You will become a crown of beauty, a new creation, in the hands of a loving God. Friends, believe the good news...

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

### \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

*"Genius"*

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 128**

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN NO. 113**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

GLORIA

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Dec 29)**

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

**Serving Next Sunday (Jan 05)**

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

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