

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

**First Sunday after Christmas
Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion
and Baptism**

January 1, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE We Three Kings

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
the steadfast love of the Lord is great.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced
your love. Christ has come into the world, and yet we
do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and
yet we do not accept him. Forgive us, God of grace.
Show us your mercy and truth until we know in
fullness your good news of great joy; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, HYMN #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1:1-9 (p. 168)

ANTHEM Wise Men Saw the Light

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:26-33 (p. 831)
Matthew 1:18-22 (p. 783)
Luke 2:8-12 (p. 833)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Do Not be Afraid!"
Rhonda Banasiak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"

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

**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**

BAPTISM Caroline Nikiel

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory The Star Proclaims the King is Here

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to
the glory of your name:

Response #113 "Chorus" (2x)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are
yours, Eternal God, now and forever.

Response #601 "Amen"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

WORSHIP NOTES

Vicki Wallace is today's liturgist.
Tabitha Lee is today's audio visual specialist.
***Please stand if you are able.**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

9:00am **Young Chime Choir**

9:15am **Praise Kids**

4-6pm **Youth Groups**

5:00pm **City Church**

Monday, January 2 Office Closed

8:00am **Men's Quarterly Breakfast** (see announcement)

Tuesday, January 3

5:30pm **Yoga** (in Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 4

10:00am **Bible Study** group meets in the library

6:30pm **Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A**

Thursday, January 5

9:00am **Yoga**

10:30am **Staff Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our Quarterly Men's Breakfast on **Monday, January 2 at 8:00am** at Shoney's on the corner of Kraft and 2nd Streets to talk about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.

PLANNING DAY On **Saturday, January 28**, all of the committees and teams of the church will gather 9:00am-noon (with lunch at 11:30am) to plan the church's activities for 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity to check out an area of church life. Please consider joining one of the committees on this day to "observe" as members evaluate the year just past and begin to plan the ministries and events that will take place at FPC during the coming year. Our church is very blessed to have such strong volunteer leadership in

every facet of our life together. Please consider making us even stronger through your contribution to one of our committees this year.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER we encourage members to evaluate road conditions and decide whether or not to drive to worship. If it is necessary to cancel any Sunday events, we will request local news media make the info available to the public after 6 pm on Saturday. You can look on the Leaf Chronicle web site or listen to WJZM AM 1400, or check FirstPresbyterianChurch,Clarksville,TN on Facebook, and an announcement will be on Realm. When the public school system closes for dangerous conditions, the church will be closed for evening activities.

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 2 No Theology on Tap tonight

January 15 Ordination/Installation of Elders Session

January 16 MLK Day, Office Closed
Unity Service at FPC

January 28 Planning Day (see announcement)

NOTE: The 2017 Offertory Envelopes are available in Michelle's office.

DISCIPLE CLASSES II & III will begin meeting soon; if you are interested contact Ken.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
10:00am Service

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Member(s) Visitor(s)

Members please indicate if this is a change.

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship Sunday School Small Group Study

Meet with Pastor Baptism Membership Choir

Other: _____

Prayer Requests:
