



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

Epiphany of the Lord
Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion
January 6, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Rondeau"
Jean-Joseph Mouret

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING
The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have seen a star in the East!
God is with us. Light has come!
We have heard the song of the angels.
God is with us. Love has come!
Now we follow the Way of light in the world.
God is with us. Christ has come!
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #151 "We Three Kings"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)
God of light, shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of
your presence in the darkest places:
**in those places where it seems impossible even for a
candle to hold its flame.**

Move us to know the light of your Spirit in the brightest
places:
**the places where neon signs, LED headlights, and
fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding.**

Move us to notice the light of your love in the loudest
places:
**those places where chaos and cacophony demand all
of our attention.**

Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in
your good news. Move us to see you, to hear you, to feel
your warmth.

**May we know the light, and may we never fear the
darkness.**

For it was in the void of darkness that you formed the
world,
and it was in the dark of night that you came as a child.
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 Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 950)

ANTHEM "With a Voice of Singing"
Martin Shaw

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 783)

This the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Gift of Kings"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #149 "All Hail to God's Anointed" (Psalm 72)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 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.**

COMMISSIONING TO SERVICE: Haiti Mission Trip

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "My Song is Love Unknown"
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 great joy...who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

Response #552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of**

the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

COMMUNION "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN #

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Fanfare"

Nicolas-Jacques Lemmens

WORSHIP NOTES

Carolyn Riggins is today's liturgist.
is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Matt McNeill, Accompanist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

Note on Psalm 72: This week during worship our Psalm shows up in the hymn following the sermon (#149 "All Hail to God's Anointed"). We could as easily have chosen Isaac Watts's famous hymn (#265 "Jesus Shall Reign"). This Psalm is one of only two in the Psalter that is attributed to wise King Solomon. Its theme is praise of the righteous king, whose attributes include: judging fairly, helping his subjects to prosper, and protecting people from oppression. We know that we've left the realm of any earthly ruler when the Psalmist says that this king's dominion stretches from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth for all time--"from shore to shore, til moons shall wax and wane no more," to quote Watts. Jesus is that king. It is not only the Magi who bring him gifts. He is the king to

whom every power on earth and in heaven must yield and bend the knee, including the power of death (Philippians 2:10-11, 1 Corinthians 15:26).

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 6

9:00am **Children/Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes**

9:00-9:15am **Children's Music**

Monday, January 7

5:00pm **Theology on Tap**

Tuesday, January 8

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

12:30pm **Martha Circle**

5:00pm **Yoga**

7:00pm **Night Circle**

Wednesday, January 9

10:00am **Bible Study**

5:00pm **Room in the Inn**

Thursday, January 10

8:30am **Yoga**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST will be on **Tuesday, January 8** at 8:00am at Shoney's, 791 N. 2nd Street. A brief devotional follows the meal. All men, all ages, are invited to participate in conversations about life and faith!

Come to **PLANNING DAY 2019, Saturday, January 26 @ 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to receive a brief report about initiatives under way and to help us plan every aspect of our life together this year! All committees and teams of the church will gather 9:00am-noon (with lunch at 11:30am) to plan the church's activities for 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to check out an area of church life about which you have been curious, but into which you haven't yet dipped your toe in the water to try. 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 First Presbyterian Church during the coming year. Our church is very blessed to have such strong volunteer leadership in every facet of our life together.

1. Pray
2. Plan
3. Prepare
4. Pray

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 13, Second Sunday Lunch

Ordination/Installation of Officers

January 21, MLK. Jr. Birthday/Office Closed

January 26, Planning Day! (see announcement)

FPC Social Media Links:

Instagram: fpcclarksvilletn

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Twitter: clarksvillefpc

PRESCHOOL is seeking a music teacher for the morning preschool program. Contact Mary Linn Sadler, Director, 931-645-0313 or mlsadler7@hotmail.com.