

## 2nd Sunday in Advent and Worship

December 8, 2013

*"In Your will is our peace;  
In Your love is our rest;  
In Your service is our joy."*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tom & Charlotte Graves (8:30)

Larry & Ruby Jean McLeod (11:00)

We light this second candle of Advent as a sign of Hope.

Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when:

**The people who have walked in darkness will see a great Light; those who have lived in a land in a land of deep darkness, on them shall the Light shine!**

\* HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Hope of the world, you were born to reign in us forever; yet we confess that we continually try to take back control of our own lives. We seek peace in the passing pleasures of a broken world. We seek hope in the deceptions of money, success, and prestige. We seek love in the getting more than the giving. We seek joy in the things that satisfy ourselves. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; help us find our Hope in Thee. Now hear our silent, personal confessions...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE TO PARDON Hymn #4, verse 4

"Creator of the Stars at Night"

**"To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally."**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 72:1-7 (page 464)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

**May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

**In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

ANTHEM (11:00) "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

arr. Robert Shaw

*"Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella. Bring a torch,  
come hurry and run. Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless.  
Bright is the path to the manger bed."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 4:1-7 (page 947)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Fullness of Time (how God prepared the world for the coming of Jesus)"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, hymnal page #14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory by Handel from *The Messiah*  
sung by Mekia Hickman

"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, and be not afraid;  
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!"*

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayers of Dedication

\* HYMN #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Tracy Jackson** is the Elder of the Day. **Mark Banasiak** is the liturgist.

**We welcome guest preacher, Rev. John David Laida** to our worship service today. Rev. Laida was a chaplain in WWII and was the pastor at First Baptist Church, Clarksville, for 28 years. He has had 33 interim pastorates throughout Tennessee and Kentucky. Rev. Laida and his wife Elizabeth are blessed with four daughters and seven grandchildren.

**Next Sunday, Rev. Laida** will preach on "The Word Was Made Flesh (how the birth of a Baby changed the course of the world)" from John 1:11-18.

‡ **Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew rack and place them in the offering plate.

\* **If you are able, please stand.**

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, December 8

**Angel Tree gift return deadline** - gifts will be collected in the history room.

2:00 pm **Club 345** meets at the AOC

4:30 pm **Christmas Concert** in the sanctuary with an orchestra and performances by our Adult, Handbell and Children's choirs.

5:30 pm **Potluck Christmas Dinner** in the fellowship hall. The church provides ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn casseroles, rolls & drinks. The rest of the meal will be covered dish. Each dish should be 10-12 servings. If your last name begins with:

A-L, please bring an extra large vegetable dish

M-Q, please bring an extra large dessert

R-Z, please bring an extra large salad dish

Dishes may be dropped off on the kitchen serving window before or after worship today or tonight prior to the concert. Please bring pies, cakes, gelatin salads, etc. **ALREADY CUT.** Put your name on **EVERY** item you bring (lids, dishes, serving spoons, etc) because folks frequently have identical bakeware, potholders, etc.

No Senior High or Middle School Youth Group meetings.

**Monday, December 9**

- 9:00 am PW Deborah Circle meets.
- 4:00 pm Property Committee meets.
- 5:00 pm Theology on Tap at the Guadalajara Grill.

**Tuesday, December 10**

- 12:30 pm PW Martha Circle meets.
- 2:00 pm Congregational Care Committee meets.
- 5:30 pm Yoga in the fellowship hall.
- 6:30 pm PW Night Circle meets at the Blackhorse restaurant.

**Wednesday, December 11**

- 10:00 am Bible Study group meets in the library.
- 6:30 pm Senior Highs meet at Chick Fil A on Madison St. Bring \$\$ for dinner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Anyone wishing to host a small group gathering to meet Greg in January, February, or March, please contact any member of the Pastor Nominating Committee (Rhonda Banasiak, Don Beck, Kelly Duncan, Steve Griffey, Susan Marks, Sam Mills, Diane Miner, Scott Sitter, Vicki Wallace).

We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering during worship on Sunday, Dec. 22. The offering will be distributed to the Board of Pensions for its assistance programs and to the national Ministries Division to fund education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

The PW Luncheon will be Monday, January 27, 12:30 pm. All women are invited to join us for a devotional, good food, fellowship, and the program, Dorothy Dix, An American Journalist" presented by Ellen Kanervo. We will be collecting gently used purses and toiletry items which will be donated to SafeHouse, the women's shelter. Please make reservations for lunch and child care by signing up on the bulletin board no later than Thurs. Jan. 23. Menu: BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, Cole slaw, fruit cobbler, coffee, tea, and lemonade.

To listen to recorded worship services, go to [fpcclarksville.org](http://fpcclarksville.org).

We need family members' birthdays! The year of birth is optional for adults. Leave a note in the offering plate or email Neesa Trotter at [fpcclarksville@gmail.com](mailto:fpcclarksville@gmail.com).

Presbyterian Prayer Chain - If you want to share a concern or celebration with members of our FPC prayer group, contact Ann Waddle at [waddleiread@gmail.com](mailto:waddleiread@gmail.com).

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 8 Deadline to turn in Angel Tree gifts
- 4:30 pm Christmas Concert
- 5:30 pm Christmas Potluck Dinner

Dec. 15 10:30 am Children's Christmas Musical in the sanctuary

12:10 pm Advent Craft Fair in the fellowship hall. There is no cost for the crafts and a light lunch will be available. Some sample crafts are displayed on the table outside the church office.

Dec. 17 12:00 noon Deadline to have Memorial Poinsettias listed in the bulletin. Names of those in memoriam (or in honor of) along with donors will be listed in the bulletin on Dec. 22. Simply make a donation to the FPC Memorial Garden fund and let the church office know your loved one's name.

Dec. 19 Maplemere Christmas Caroling. You are invited to join us as we carol around the Maplemere and Glenwood neighborhoods. Meet at C. David & Susan Elliott's home, 115 Maplemere Drive at 5:00 pm.

Dec. 21 9:00 am Christmas Food Baskets will be packed in the fellowship hall with delivery to follow. A list of what you can donate is in the vestibule, on the table outside the church office, and in the Newsletter.

Dec. 22 Christmas Joy Offering received in worship. 10:30 am Children's Nativity Pageant in the sanctuary.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services at 4:30 and 6:00 pm. Rev. John David Laida will officiate at both services with his message, "The Cradle That Rocked the World" from Luke 2:8-20.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Nursery is provided for infants on the 2nd floor.

<u>Children &amp; Youth Classes</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
3's & 4's	meet in the nursery on 2nd floor	n/a
K - 12th Graders	4th floor	Grow, Proclaim, Serve!

<u>Adult Classes</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
Brotherhood (men)	3rd floor	The Present Word
Explorers (men/women)	2nd floor	Gospel of Mark from Interpreter's series
Friendship (women)	3rd floor	The Present Word
Gospel (men/women)	3rd floor	Feasting on the Word and other sources

**WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL APPETIZER**

Heaven or Hell: What is your final destination? - all taught by Rhonda Banasiak, based on Erasing Hell by F. Chan and Love Wins by R. Bell. Classes are January 12, 19, and 26.

A new Preschool Sunday School Class is beginning in January!



**First Presbyterian Church**

*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!*

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