

## 4th Sunday of Advent and Worship

December 22, 2013

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC Howard Scudder, trumpet

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?"

Charlsie DeLoach and Kelly Duncan

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mark McNeil Family (8:30)

Grant Schryver & Sarah Wallace (11:00)

We light this fourth candle of Advent as a sign of the peace that Christ brings. Advent means coming.

**We are preparing ourselves for the coming of the One who is called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

**So come, let us adore him, come let us adore him; come, let us adore him, Jesus Christ the Lord.**

\* HYMN #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of majesty and grace, whose eternal Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, help us to see in Him the fulfillment of your plan for all creation. Forgive us for being prideful when you have called us to humility; for seeking privileges for ourselves instead of justice for the downtrodden; for hurting others rather than giving ourselves to them in love; for ignoring your promises instead of trusting in your goodness and grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may live our lives in hope, joy, peace, and love. In the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Now hear our silent, personal confessions...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE TO PARDON Hymn #56

"The First Nowell"

**"Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel"**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING NARRATION (insert)

ANTHEM (insert) "Sing, Choirs of Angels" arr. Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(children, ages 4 - 4th grade depart for Children's Worship)

ORGAN INTERLUDE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 1:1-8 (page 970)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Latest Word From God" (God spoke in many ways but the greatest and latest was when He sent Jesus)

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #53 "What Child is This?"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Melissa Shippen Burrows, soloist

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayers of Dedication

\* HYMN #40 "Joy to the World"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Carolyn Riggins** is the Elder of the Day. **Rhonda Banasiak** is the liturgist.

**We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering** during worship today. 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.

**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, Jennifer Boyd**, will preach on "Wise Men and Lords 'a Leaping: the Rest of Christmas" from Matthew 2:1-12. Jennifer is a member of our church and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of California Santa Cruz. She and her husband Greg have two children, Michael and Hannah.

‡ **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 22**

**10:30 am Children's Nativity Pageant** in the sanctuary.

**No meeting for Club 345.**

4-6:00 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups** will meet at the AOC.

**Monday, December 23**

**No meeting for the PW Deborah Circle.**

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.

**Tuesday, December 24**

12:00 noon **Church office closes.**

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

**Wednesday, December 25**

Church Office closed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 (\$10) & 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, 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).

## MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Given in memory of **JOHN ROBERT KONKLE**, by Charles & Linda Wall.

Given in memory of **LEE MORRISON**, by Hazel Morrison, Mike Morrison, Eddie & Patty Vaughn, and Ashley & Jeff Nastoff.

Given in memory of **WILLIAM L. NORRIS** and **JESSE & GLADYS TAYLOR**, by Joyce & Gary Norris

Given in memory of **BUDDY AND SHIELA FOUST**, by Charlie & Kris Foust.

Given in memory of **SCOTT W. HEDSTROM**, by Karen, Heidi, and Sarah.

Given in memory of **MITCH OSTLUND**, by Kris & Charlie Foust.

Given in memory of **S. LOWELL GRAVES & RUTH GRAVES**, by Tom & Charlotte Graves.

Given in memory of **CHARLES & LOUISE MURRAY**, by Tom & Charlotte Graves.

Given in memory of **MARSHA MURRAY MCVICKER**, by Tom & Charlotte Graves.

Given in memory of **EDGAR & SARAH FRANCES MILLS**, by Sam Mills & Martha Richardson.

Given in memory of **LORETTA MATTADE & WILLIAM F. BANYAS**, by Pixie-McCord Mills, Lori & Ryan McCord.

Given in memory of **BILL MILES** and **HANK MILES**, by the family.

Given in memory of **AJAX & GERALDINE TURNER**, by the family.

Given in memory of **SAM BAILEY**, by the family.

Given in memory of **DR. HARRY MCLEOD** and **BILL MCLEOD**, by Ruby Jean McLeod and the family.

Given in memory of **MARTHA BULLOCK MORGAN**, by Cecil Jr., David, Gene, and Margaret.

Given in memory of **MARY AND CECIL MORGAN**, by their children.

Given in memory of **BILL MCLEOD** and **HARRY MCLEOD**, by Ruby Jean and the family.

Given in memory of **BILL MITCHELL**, by Erika Mitchell.

Given in memory of **CINDY HARVEY** and **AUBREY HARVEY**, by the family.

Given in memory of **DR. MICHAEL HALL**, by B.B. Ledbetter, Gary Larkin, Donald Crawford, and Sylvia Clardy.

Given in memory of **JOHN BARTEE**, by Jill Ayers.

Given in memory of **HOWARD HIETT, JR.**, by Yvonne Hiett.

## 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	<i>Grow, Proclaim, Serve!</i>

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

## WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL APPETIZERS

**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!

The **Explorers Class** will be starting a new study on the Gospel of Mark from the Interpretation Series.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

Jan. 1 **Church office closed** for New Year's Day.

Jan. 5 **We will un-decorate** the church immediately following 11:00 worship. Volunteers are needed!

Jan. 7 **Pastor Greg's** first full day in the office.

Jan. 12 **Pastor Greg will be preaching** at both services. **2nd Sunday Lunch** served after 11:00 worship.

Jan. 19 **Session Exam** for Class of 2016 at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.  
**New Elders Ordained & Installed** at 11:00 am worship.

Jan. 25 **Planning Day** begins at 9:00 am - this is a great time to join a committee. A list of committees and what they do will be in the January newsletter and on the tables in the vestibule and outside the church.

Jan. 27 **PW Luncheon** in the fellowship hall at 12:30 pm.



# 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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