

## First Sunday after Christmas and Worship

December 29, 2013

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts;  
**May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.**  
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.  
**Come, let us worship Christ, born to us today.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.**  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.**  
**Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.**  
**Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

HYMN #40 "Joy to the World!"

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Now hear our silent, personal confessions...**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE TO PARDON Hymn #42, vs. 3

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**"Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!**

**Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**

**O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!"**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (page 604)

ANTHEM Carolyn Riggins, soloist

#### ORGAN INTERLUDE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12 (page 783)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Jennifer Boyd, guest speaker

"Wise Men and Lords 'a Leaping: the Rest of Christmas"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN #29 "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Liz Thomas** is the Elder of the Day. **Rod Wolfe** is the liturgist.

**We welcome guest speaker, Jennifer Boyd** to our worship service today. 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.

**Next Sunday Rev. John David will preach on "What Our New Pastor Can Expect from the Congregation; and What the Congregation Can Expect from the New Pastor"**, from II Timothy 1:1-8. 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.

‡ **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 29

4-6:00 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups** will meet at the AOC. Middle School should bring \$\$ for a fast-food dinner.

#### Monday, December 30

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

No meeting for **Theology on Tap**.

#### Wednesday, January 1

Church Office closed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In the event of bad winter weather**, we encourage members to evaluate dangerous road conditions and decide whether or not to drive to worship. Should it be necessary to cancel any events scheduled for Sundays, we will request two 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.

**To listen to recorded worship services**, go to [fpcclarkville.org](http://fpcclarkville.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 [fpcclarkville@gmail.com](mailto:fpcclarkville@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).

## A LOOK AT JANUARY

- 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 (he will be traveling to Clarksville on Jan. 6 and will arrive at the church in the afternoon.) You are welcome to stop by on Jan. 7 in the afternoon to say "hello".
- Jan. 12 **Pastor Greg will be preaching** at both services. His sermon will be "Heaven is Open" (baptism of the Lord), from Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17. **2nd Sunday Lunch** served after 11:00 worship.
- Jan. 19 **Session Exam** for Class of 2016 at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. All Elders, Classes of 2013-2016 should attend. **New Elders will be Ordained & Installed** at 11:00 am worship.
- Jan. 25 **Planning Day** (a time to meet to plan activities, programs and events for 2014), will begin at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. This is a great time to join a committee. A list of what committees do is at the bottom of this page.
- Jan. 27 **PW Luncheon** in the fellowship hall at 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, cobbler, beverages.

## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

**Christian Education** provides opportunities for members of the congregation to grow in their spiritual lives. Volunteer activities include: teach Sunday School (all ages), teach Vacation Bible School (July), Chaperone and/or help with youth groups, help provide transportation to NaCoMe camps, help in the church Nursery, prepare a meal for Sunday night Youth Groups, and be a mentor/sponsor for a Confirmation Class student.

**Communication** seeks to strengthen the lines of communication among the staff, the church committees, the congregation and the community. Their work centers on the newsletter, bulletin, technological improvements, and the gathering and dissemination of general information. Volunteer activities include: photograph congregational activities, assist with the church website, operate sound system and record worship services for the web site & distribution to the public.

**Congregational Care** oversees homebound Communion four times a year; sends notes to people who are ill, sends birthday

and Christmas cards to the congregation; sends care packages to College students; visits homebound through Parish Visitors; coordinates pastoral care needs with the Pastor.

**Fellowship** promotes social programs in the church such as golf scrambles, pancake breakfasts, picnics, congregational dinners, etc. Volunteer activities include planning and organizing these events and helping set up and take down of events.

**Finance & Stewardship** oversees the total financial program of the church, reviews monthly financial statements for the Session, and conducts the stewardship campaign.

**Historic Preservation** maintains the historical documents, relics, and artifacts which represent our heritage.

**Mission and Outreach Committee** oversees action, advocacy and financial activities for our congregation's mission. Maintains contacts with local, national, international, and denominational entities. Educates and involves the congregation in a variety of opportunities, including at least one congregational mission trip each year.

**New Members & Visitors** recruits Greeters assigned to each Sunday to look for visitors, welcome them, introduce them to several members and the Pastor, follows up with letters of welcome, highlights which ones should get a personal call from the Pastor, arranges new member classes with Pastor teaching, schedules new member dinners 3 times a year in a home.

**Professional Staff** is responsible for recommending to the Session employees for the church, excluding the ordained staff. It prepares job descriptions, recommends salaries and salary changes, evaluates performance, and sets the personnel policy.

**Property** seeks to maintain and repair the church physical facility. Volunteer activities include: minor repairs around the church, help with gardening and yard maintenance.

**Service** provides tangible help to people needing financial help with utilities, groceries, etc. Committee members serve on a rotating team to interview clients, evaluate needs, and make appropriate responses. They also maintain a relationship with local agencies to help meet seasonal community needs. The office hours for the Service Committee are: Mondays 4:30-6:00 pm and Fridays 1:00-2:30 pm.

**Worship** oversees everything related to worship working closely with the minister and director of music. Volunteer activities include: ushering, serving as a greeter, preparing communion elements, helping with the acolytes, operating the sound system, assisting with the children's music program, singing in the choir.



# 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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