

*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*

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*Second Sunday of Christmas*  
*Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion*  
*January 5, 2020*  
**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From distant lands and faraway shores,  
God calls us together.  
**Like a shepherd tending his flock,  
God gathers us in.**  
Along straight paths and cleared byways,  
God guides our journey.  
**Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand,  
God leads us home.**  
Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!  
**Let us sing aloud with gladness.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN # \_\_\_\_\_

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone, but we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. Yet, even now, you dwell

among us, full of grace and truth. Empower us to embody your love and embrace your hope. Long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, remind us that your light still pierces the darkness. Sustain our joy, surround us with peace, and inspire us to bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth.

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 John 1:10-18 (p. 862)

ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 949)

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

SERMON "Chosen in Christ"

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

\*HYMN #840 "When Peace Like a River"  
(It is Well With My Soul)

\*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 Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the I believe in Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY \_\_\_\_\_

***SEALING OF THE WORD***

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 #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 \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN # \_\_\_\_\_

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

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### WORSHIP NOTES

**Vicki Wallace** is today's liturgist and will serve communion.  
is today's audio-visual specialist.

**Douglas Ferguson** is today's IT Web specialist.

**Dr. Mark Ring**, Director of Music/Organist.

**Dr. David Goldblatt**, Accompanist.

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.

The Rose in the Sanctuary.....

### THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, January 5**

9:00am Sunday School Classes/DISCOVER

FPC/ORIENTATION AND Q&A

2:00pm Showers of Love

4:00pm Family Ice Skating in Downtown Commons

**Monday, January 6**

5:00pm Theology on Tap/Don Pablo's

**Tuesday, January 7**

8am Men's Quarterly Breakfast @ Shoney's

5:00pm Yoga

**Wednesday, January 8**

10:00am Bible Study

5:00pm Wednesday Family Activity Night

6:00pm Handbells

7:00pm Senior Highs at CFA on Madison

7:00pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, January 9**

8:30am Yoga

9:30am Pickleball

Noon Staff Meeting

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAMILY ICE SKATING** on **January 5 @ 4pm**. Join us for some fun and fellowship at the Downtown Commons.

**MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST** will be on **Tuesday, January 7 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!

**FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT** will begin again on **January 8 at 5pm**. There is a fellowship meal followed by activities for all ages. Join Us!

Come to **PLANNING DAY 2020, Saturday, January 25 @ 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.



**YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH** Join us the third Sunday of each month! We meet after the service, in the chapel and head out together to a nearby restaurant! Childcare is provided in our Nursery.

**SAVE THE DATE!** First Presbyterian church will be one of five dinner locations for Empty Bowls on **February 25, 2020**. We expect to serve 150. **Volunteers will be needed!** See Kris Foust for details.

### MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s)  1<sup>st</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about Children/Youth Programs. Please list name(s) & age(s) of children.

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

**January 12** Second Sunday Lunch

Epiphany Concert @ Grace

**January 14** Martha Circle, Congregational Care Meeting, Historical Preservation Meeting, Night Circle

**January 19** Young Adult 'Gathering' Brunch

**January 20** MLK, Jr. Day Office Closed

**January 25** Planning Day! (see announcement)

**February 25** Empty Bowls Dinner (see announcement)

**March 13-15** Women's Retreat @ NaCoMe

**MEET & GREET IN THE CHAPEL** Join us for a special time of fellowship in the Chapel. Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to touch base with each other and meet new members & visitors.

