



## 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

**Prelude:** *Savior of the Nations, Come*..... J. S. Bach

### Welcome

**\*Processional Hymn:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.....No. 133

**Lighting of the Candle** .....(8:30 a.m.) The Jones family  
Nathaniel, Lindsay, Elliott, Liza & Millie  
(11:00 a.m.) Judy Conrad & Evie Bell

### Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Response:

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

### Journey to Bethlehem

Congregational Response:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### Time with Children (11:00 a.m.)

Congregational Response:

*Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

After *Time with the Children*, children are invited to Children's Church.

### Life of the Church (Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *The Dream Isaiah Saw* ..... Thomas H. Troeger/Glenn L. Rudolph

Brian Fatzinger, *solo* ~ Sanctuary Choir

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,  
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,  
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
blood will not darken the earth that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field:  
God will transfigure the Violence concealed.  
Deep in the heart and in systems of gain,  
ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent,  
nations obeying the call to repent,  
All of creation completely restored,  
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.  
Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.  
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“Journey to Bethel: The Journey of Hope” ..... Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher

## Christmas Oratorio

by Camille Saint-Saëns  
(English version by N. H. Dole)

### 1. Prelude

### 2. Recitative & Chorus

Beth Curtis, *soprano* ~ Nicky Bell, *alto* ~ Bob Manne, *tenor*  
*There were shepherds, at night in that same country, abiding in the fields,  
and silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them.  
And lo! An angel of the Lord appeared, standing there beside them:  
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,  
And they were sore afraid at His coming.  
And unto them the angel said: Fear not, oh ye shepherds!  
For, behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born today a Savior Christ, the Lord, in the city of David.  
And this shall the sign be: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger low.  
And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host praising  
God, and saying:  
Glory be unto God in the highest! And on earth peace, peace be on earth,  
goodwill unto all men. Praise the Lord our God!*

### 3. Air

Beth Curtis, *soprano*  
*Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! He heard my cry.*

### 4. Air & Chorus

Jonathan Murphy, *tenor*  
*In my heart I believe, O Lord, that thou indeed art Christ, Son of the living God.  
He who was to come into this world.*

### 5. Duo (Benedictus)

Laura Floyd, *soprano* ~ Chalmers Gorman, *baritone*  
*Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.  
God, the Lord of Light, He hath shined upon us.  
Thou alone my God art: and all my trust is in Thee.  
Oh Lord! Thou art my God. I will exalt thee, and praise Thy name.*

### 6. Chorus

*Wherefore do the nations clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish  
things? Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

### 7. Trio

Laura Floyd, *soprano* ~ Jonathan Murphy, *tenor* ~ Chalmers Gorman, *baritone*  
*My soul doth magnify the Lord: my spirit hath rejoiced in God.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy glory.*

### 8. Quartet

Beth Curtis & Jan Fatzinger, *soprano* ~ Nicky Bell, *alto* ~ Chalmers Gorman, *bass*  
*Alleluia. Ye heavens sing praises, be joyful on earth. For the Lord hath poured His  
consolation upon His people, and He to His afflicted will be merciful.  
Alleluia. Ye heavens sing praises. For the Lord hath comforted His people,  
and He to all that are afflicted will be merciful. Alleluia!*

### 9. Quintet & Chorus

Laura Floyd, Beth Curtis, Jan Fatzinger, Nicky Bell & Kelda Maynard  
Bob Manne, Jonathan Murphy & Chalmers Gorman  
*Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Alleluia! Praise God in the night,  
praise Him in the first watches of the nighttime. Alleluia.  
That Zion's true glory might be manifested, that her Savior might rise and shine before  
the nations. Alleluia!*

*Praise ye the Lord of hosts, Sing His salvation, bless His name,  
show forth His praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful,  
on earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh. Alleluia!  
Rejoice, ye angels, rejoice, all ye nations, now in the face of the Lord,  
for He cometh. Alleluia!*

**\*Hymn:** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*.....No. 348

### Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response:

*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* ..... Words: Randy Edwards & Sherry Upshaw  
Music: Randy Edwards

Hope. peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You  
bring from above. Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, come to be  
light of Your hope, re - flect ed in me.

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**\*Postlude:** *Savior of the Nations, Come*..... J. S. Bach  
\*congregation standing as able



Join us the second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018.

Rev. Lisa M. Schrott preaching: *Journey to Bethlehem*  
*The Journey of Peace* ~ Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

For pastoral care needs, Pastor Lisa Schrott may be reached  
on her cell phone at 318-286-3816.

**Memorial Rose:** The memorial rose is in honor of Bob Lease who entered the Church Triumphant on November 19, 2018.

**Feed My Sheep Sunday:** First Sunday (January 6) to benefit the Sandalwood Community Food Pantry, neighbors helping neighbors. Please donate your non-perishable food items to help nourish the bodies and the souls of those less fortunate. Paper products much appreciated!

**LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS,** hearing devices and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, as well as nursery care throughout the morning.

**Love Letters:** Look for new "love letters" in the Gathering Space this Sunday morning, extending blessings from our membership to others who are in need of support.

**Connection Card:** Connections with our members and visitors are important to us. Please complete a Connection Card located in the pew so that we may connect with you. Drop your completed card in the offering plate during worship or leave it at the Welcome Center in the narthex after worship. Stop by the visitors' table to say hi!



### Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas is a time to remember people we have loved and lost and to honor special moments in the lives of our families and friends. Plants may be picked up after December 26. Please return this order form to the church office by December 14.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s).

Attached is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$16/plant). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, and note poinsettia on the memo line. Choose one or more of these options:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of the Christmas season \_\_\_\_\_

## In the Life of the Church



**Welcome Visitors!** Whether this is your first visit or you have been here many times, we are happy to have you with us! Please come into the Gathering Space following worship for coffee and fellowship and stop by the welcome table to say hello, and find out what is happening here at First Presbyterian Church.

**First Monday Book Club:** Will meet Monday, December 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Wesla Fletcher in Port Royal Plantation. This evening book club is a casual book club that meets for dinner and fellowship at 6:00-7:00 p.m. and book discussion at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Stop by a local restaurant on your way to book club and pick up a takeout dinner or prepare a simple dish to share. We will be discussing Jodi Picoult's book, *Small Great Things*. For more information and a pass, please email Wesla at [weslafletcher@gmail.com](mailto:weslafletcher@gmail.com).

**Thanks!** Many thanks to Joyce Finkenstadt and her team for the wonderful Christmas decorations adorning our church facilities. Much thought and work went into making this happen. We also thank Bob Bird and Gaylon Greger for their contribution and expertise in designing and constructing a stable for the sanctuary nativity. We so much appreciate all their gifts of the season!

**Special Offer:** If you have lost your name tag and need a replacement, the Membership + Evangelism Committee has a special offer now through the end of the year. They will replace it at no charge, so give the church office a call. If you are a regular visitor to FPC and would like a name tag, let us know. We'll provide a name tag at no charge for you, as well.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Dates in 2019 are now available to honor loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion through the gift of sanctuary flowers; the donation is \$55. Please call Nancy Putnam in the church office to reserve your date. FPC's Flower Ministry uses the chancel flowers to make smaller arrangements following worship services and delivers them to members in the hospital and to the homebound.

**Ushers Needed:** Ushers are needed for all three Christmas Eve services in the sanctuary (5:00, 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.). You do not need to have previous experience; the head usher for the service you select will train you that evening. Services most in need of ushers are the 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. If you can help or would like more information, contact Blaine Lotz ([gblotz@yahoo.com](mailto:gblotz@yahoo.com) or 843-363-5204). At that time, Blaine will send you a copy of the written usher guidelines. Thank you.

**Offering Envelopes:** Offering envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Gathering Space hallway behind the fireplace. Picking up your box of envelopes will save the church in postage expense. Thanks for your help.

**Family Promise:** FPC once again hosts Family Promise beginning today thru December 9.

**Boundaries Training:** The next Boundaries Training class will take place on December 12 at 10:00 a.m.-noon & 5:30-7:30 p.m. It is a class designed for all those interested in working with our children and youth, as well as our Family Promise volunteers. Please call the church office for your registration or contact Pastor Lisa at [lschrott@fpchhi.org](mailto:lschrott@fpchhi.org).

**Weekly Happenings & Sunday Offerings:** Please see FPC's "Weekly Happenings" found at the Welcome Center and on the information rack outside Fellowship Hall to learn about the many FPC activities scheduled during the week, as well as Sunday offerings.



8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
December 2, 2018 ~ First Sunday in Advent



*Come, let us adore Him!*

**Our Mission:**  
Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

**Our Vision:**  
Every Member in Ministry

**Our Values of Ministry:**  
Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,  
Sacrificial Service & Caring Connections

Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher ~ Pastor  
Rev. Joel M. Wood ~ Associate Pastor of Discipleship  
Rev. Lisa M. Schrott ~ Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care  
Dr. S. Russell Floyd, III ~ Minister of Music; Charles D. Frost ~ Organist

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