



Prelude: *From Heaven on High to Earth*..... Johann Pachelbel
Shepherd's Jubilee Michael Helman
 Carillon Handbell Choir ~ Charles Frost, *director*

Welcome

***Processional Hymn:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*.....No. 143

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:30 a.m.Angie & Walt Greenfield; Jennifer, Bruce & Jack Gatlin
 11:00 a.m. The Boatright family

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, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
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.

Anthem: *And the Glory of the Lord* G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 Page 889

Sermon:
 "Journey to Bethlehem: The Journey of Joy"Rev. Joel M. Wood

***Hymn:** *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*No. 112

Invitation to Prayer

O holy child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer Elder Jack Alderman
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

The Life of the Church

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad.)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory (8:30 a.m.): *Sleeper's Awake*Johann Walther
 (11:00 a.m.): *Jazz Gloria Deo* Graig Curry
 New Voices ~ Adventures in Music
 Tyrone Mack, *bass* ~ Joel Wood, *percussion* ~ Charlie Curtis, *piano*
Gloria! Gloria Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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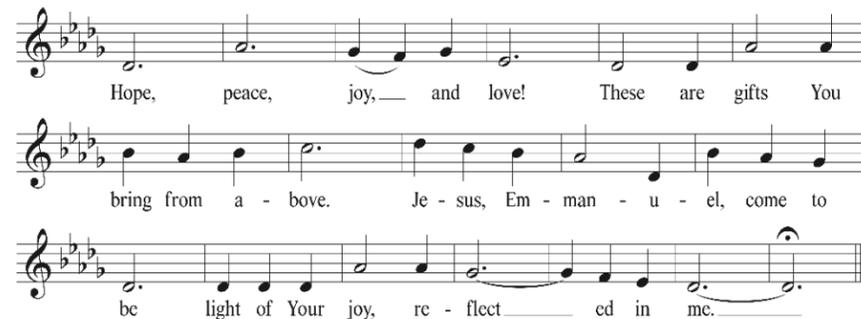
Congregational Response:
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: I give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*No. 119

***Charge & Benediction**

Benediction Response:
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love Words: Randy Edwards & Sherry Upshaw
 Music: Randy Edwards



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***Postlude:** *From Heaven on High to Earth* Johann Pachelbel

*congregation standing as able



Join us the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018.

Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher preaching: *Journey to Bethlehem*
The Journey of Love ~ Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-23**

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

Memorial Roses: The memorial roses are in honor of Luther (Pat) Cowan, Bob Berger and Barry Payne who entered the Church Triumphant on November 18, December 5 and December 8, 2018, respectively.

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 are 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.

If You See Something, Say Something! FPC's Safety & Security Committee asks that if any concerns arise within the church facility or on campus that you kindly notify one of the ushers and/or staff immediately. Ushers may be found in the rear of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall each Sunday.

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.

Pastor Nominating Committee: The PNC would like your input! The process of searching for a new senior pastor has begun, and the PNC has created an anonymous survey for church members to complete which may be found at the welcome center in the narthex, in the information rack outside Fellowship Hall or in the church office. Please return your survey by December 18. If you receive the weekly emails from the church, the survey may be completed electronically, or you can find it on our website www.fpchhi.org. Thank you for being an important part of this process.

Name Tags: The Membership + Evangelism Committee has a special offer now through the end of the year. They will replace your misplaced name tag 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.

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.

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.



Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University group or invite others you believe can benefit from these practical life lessons, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future! The nine-week class starts on January 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$110 for the curriculum. Feel free to message Pastor Joel your questions or call the church office at 843-681-3696 to sign up!

Christmas at FPC

Journey to Bethlehem

December 22 & December 23 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for an interactive walk through the streets of Bethlehem to visit the manger and baby Jesus.

Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24

4:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Live nativity

5:00 p.m. — Family candlelight worship service

8:00 p.m. — Candlelight worship service

with thirty minutes of Christmas music preceding the service

10:00 p.m. — Candlelight & Communion worship service

Chrismon Tree ~ Representing aspects of the person, life or ministry of Jesus and the life, ministry or history of the Christian church, the Chrismon Tree will be on display in the South Wing during the month of December. The Chrismons were made with loving hands by the First Friends Small Group.

Advent Memorial Tree ~ On display in the narthex during the month of December as FPC's gift of remembrance to families who have lost a loved one during the past year. Sponsored by the Memorials and Gifts of Honor Committee

Angel Tree Benefiting Thornwell Home for Children ~ Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC, is a covenant ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that provides a nurturing home for children whose parents are unable to care for them. This is the last week to submit your donations to the church office. Help make Christmas a joyful time in the lives of the children and youth of Thornwell.

Sunday School: Please note the following schedule:

- Children's Sunday school and Children's Church will meet on December 23 & 30;
- Classes not meeting on December 23 or 30: "Bridge," high school class, Family Faith, Work in Progress, Joy Class, Seekers
- Living in the Word will not meet on December 30;
- Lowcountry Lessons will meet on December 23 & 30.



8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
December 16, 2018 ~ Third 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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