



*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 2: 1-12 ..... Page 835

**Sermon:** "Journey to Bethlehem: The Gift Received" ..... Rev. Joel M. Wood

**\*Hymn:** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* ..... No. 152

**The Life of the Church** (Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad.)

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

Offertory: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* ..... Dietrich Buxtehude

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

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer:

**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. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Anthem: *In Remembrance*.....Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red  
Sanctuary Choir

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.*

*In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.*

*In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember, too,  
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.*

*In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart.*

*Look in your heart for God.*

*Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.*

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Prayer

**\*Hymn:** *As with Gladness Men of Old* ..... No. 150

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Benediction Response:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**\*Postlude:** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*..... Dietrich Buxtehude

\*congregation standing as able

**Prelude:** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* .....Friedrich Zachau

**Welcome**

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

**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 Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;*

*To us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel!*

**Time with the 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.

**Solo:** *I Wonder As I Wander* .....(Appalachian Carol) John Jacob Niles

*Laura Floyd, soprano ~ Rusty Floyd, guitar*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,*

*How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.*

*For poor on'ry people like you and like I...*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*



**Join us for worship on January 13.**

**Dr. Doug Fletcher preaching:  
"Top 10 Reasons for Being a Christian:  
No. 5: Creation is too Extraordinary to be Accidental"  
Scripture: Psalm 8**

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

**Feed My Sheep Sunday:** First Sunday (today, 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.

**Pizza with the Pastors:** Are you new to the church? Interested in learning more about the Presbyterian church? Then Pizza with the Pastors is for you! Join our pastors in Fellowship Hall on January 20 following the 11:00 a.m. service for conversation and fellowship. Older children are welcome to participate; the nursery is available for younger children.

**GED Camp:** The 19th free GED Camp offered by First Presbyterian Church in cooperation with Beaufort County Adult Education will be held January 24 - March 27, 2019. If you know of a non-high school graduate who wants to earn a GED certificate and join our graduates (88 to date), please call Bill Raisch (843-671-2953). Registration deadline is January 10. Your help with recruitment is greatly appreciated by our staff of FPC volunteers!

**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.

### EVOLUTION BIG BAND COMES TO FPC!

January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

The Evolution Big Band is a premier band in the Lowcountry that performs contemporary renditions of great American standards.

Free and open to the public!



### AN EVENING WITH NATASHA BOYD AUTHOR OF THE INDIGO GIRL

January 13, 2019, at 5:00-6:30 p.m.

FPC in the sanctuary ~ Free & open to the public

Natasha Boyd is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning author of contemporary romance and historical fiction. She has lived on three continents, and currently lives and writes full-time in the Southeast USA.

Based on a true story, *The Indigo Girl*, is an outstanding example of historical fiction. Eliza Lucas Pinckney revolutionized Colonial American agriculture by cultivating commercial indigo dye production in South Carolina while a teenager and managing her father's Lowcountry plantations. At 21, Eliza married widower, Charles Pinckney, and their sons, Thomas and Charles Cotesworth, played distinguished roles in the founding of the new American republic.



### HEALTHY EATING:

### KEEPING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Wednesday, January 23, at noon-1:15 p.m.

Join us to hear chef Kim Baretta, an expert in Mediterranean-style cooking and eating, provide tips on healthy and delicious eating.

A delightful lunch will be available from Healthy Habits for \$15. Or feel free to bring your own lunch. Reservations by January 21 to [info@fpchhi.org](mailto:info@fpchhi.org), to the church office, or sign up in the Gathering Space today and next Sunday.

## Join us At the Table on Wednesdays

Beginning January 16, 2019

Fellowship Dinner at 5:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space

Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/youth/\$2 child

Reservations to the church office at 843-681-3696 by 5:00 p.m. each Monday or sign up in the Gathering Space ~ Entrées by the SERG Kitchen Takeout

- 3:15 p.m. **WOW:** In the CE wing
- 5:15 p.m. **New Voices** in the Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship dinner in the Gathering Space
- 6:00 p.m. Nursery care for birth through age 3 in the nursery
- 6:15 p.m. **Financial Peace** in the library
- 6:15 p.m. Youth program in Honey Horn Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday program in Fellowship Hall



*Kids for Christ (We're On Wednesdays!)*  
for pre-school at 4:45-5:30 p.m. & kindergarten & grades 1-5  
at 3:15-5:30 p.m.

**Family Fellowship Dinner in the Gathering Space at 5:45 p.m.**  
See above for details on reservations & cost.

### FINANCIAL PEACE

AT 6:15 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

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!

Cost is \$110 for the nine-week class curriculum.

Feel free to email Pastor Joel your questions or call the church office at 843-681-3696 to sign up!

### THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE CHURCH

AT 6:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

According to Pew Charitable Trust research and Gallup polls, the fastest growing religious segment of the population are the "nones," none of the above.

Join Pastors Lisa Schrott & Doug Fletcher for a video presentation from the 2017 Next Church conference on January 16, as we begin our conversation on the changing religious landscape in America.



8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
January 6, 2019



*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  
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