

# Morning Worship Service

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Today we celebrate the giver and the gift. To be truly grateful is to cling less to the gifts we receive and to share more and more the joy which breaks into our lives with the birth of God's Son.

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Wilbur Held

### WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Seasons come and seasons go,  
**People: but our God endures forever.**  
Leader: Our faith exhibits ebb and flow,  
**People: but our God endures forever.**  
Leader: Our lives may freeze up or may grow,  
**People: but our God endures forever. So let our souls magnify God this day.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*The First Nowell* arr. Mack Wilberg  
*I Saw Three Ships* arr. Richard Walters

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE  
Joel, Suzy, Loren & Zac Zimmerman & Gatlin Farrar

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Julian Wachner  
*What Sweeter Music?* arr. John Rutter

### PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

#### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE – No. 579 “Gloria Patri”  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*He Is Born!* arr. Dan Forrest  
*Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. Howard Helvey  
*Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Julian Wachner

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 49 *Once in Royal David's City*

*The Birthday of a King* William Henry Neidlinger

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

#### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Away in a Manger* Karen Smith & David Snyder

#### \*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Our God, your nature is to give, and in these days leading up to Christmas, we know that truth about you especially well. Let us follow the example of others who shared in the Bethlehem birth. Like the angels and shepherds, let us respond with praise and worship. Like the magi from the East, let us give of the riches in our possession. Like Mary and Joseph, let us live in humble trust for what you shall do. And especially like Jesus himself, let us live with such faithfulness that we may place our lives back in your hands. It is in his name that we gather and to his glory that we offer these gifts. Amen.**

*Joy to the World* arr. Frank Kuykendall  
*A King is Born* arr. Tim Sarsany

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

\*SENDING FORTH *Hark, The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Julian Wachner

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach

\*Congregation standing as able.

### THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

#### SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service  
5:30 P.M. Youth Meeting  
6:30 P.M. College Christmas Party @ the Burlesons

#### MONDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten  
2:00 P.M. Prayer Partners  
5:30 P.M. Session Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

#### TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten  
9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih  
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting  
11:00 A.M. Mary & Martha's Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

#### WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten  
9:45 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten  
Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

#### THURSDAY

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

#### FRIDAY

12:00 Noon A.A. 12& 12 Group Meeting

### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Are you looking for a church home?** After worship an elder will stand at the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary to provide information.

**Leading Worship Today:** Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris  
**Ushers:** Richard, Leslie, Patrick, Abbey & Olivia Hastings, Jim Ingram, George White

**Elder at the front of the sanctuary:** Rochelle Wallace

**Greeting:** Bill & Camille Caples

**The Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to honor the glory of God, the wonder of the season, the joy of beautiful music and the memory of Hank by Helen Boerner.

**The Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Jimmy Crockett and in memory of Sudie Crockett by Sarah and Marshall Jenkins.

**We would like to thank our guest musicians:** Terrell Hall, Dale Beech, Tonya Cash, Reagan Ray, Nan Lawrence, Brian Cheesman, Andy Hall, Derek Taylor, Barrett Gray, Jamie Geoghegan, Avery Head, Kenneth Polk, Kody Hunt.

**Nursery Care** is available for newborns through 4- year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the children's sermon, pre-kindergarteners through second graders are invited to attend "**Wee Kirk**" with Heather Crotwell in our Extended Session room (very end of hall from nursery). This is a time of age appropriate lessons, songs, and games intended to prepare our children to fully participate in worship. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

**Ritual of Friendship** – Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As a courtesy to those around you, kindly turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

**Sermons are available by Podcast** at [www.firstprestupelo.org/podcast](http://www.firstprestupelo.org/podcast)

**Compact Discs of the service** are available through the church office.

**TV Broadcast of the service** is the following week on Christian Network Television at 9:00 a.m. Sunday; and at 8:00 p.m. Monday on Channel 4 Comcast, Channel 49 Dish and antennae, and Channel 20 MaxSouth. Service is live streaming on youtube.com search *first pres tupelo*

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.** They also have devices to amplify the service.

## PRAYERS

**Cancer Treatments:** Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler, Judy Armentrout, Thaine Batte, Becky Franklin, Leslie Geoghegan

**Homebound:** Grace Stamps, Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox

**College Students:** Drake Cobb, Emma Counce, Gus Depew, Lexye Devita

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Party for College Students** -Our College Students are almost home for Christmas, which means we need a party! The Burlasons will host our College Students tonight at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship! We hope your college student can make it!

**Keep Tupelo Warm!** Please join First Presbyterian Women's Ministry in helping to keep our neighbors warm during the cold days of winter. Please bring warm mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats to place on the Christmas tree in the breezeway. These items will be distributed to local schools and our neighbors at Saint's Brew and Tree of Life Clinic. Thank you for your help in this much needed ministry.

**Souper Bowl Luncheon** is Sunday, February 3. All proceeds benefit Youth, Guatemala & Cuba mission trips. You may donate what you would for a normal meal. Children's menu also available.

**Sparkle Boxes!** If your child did not receive a Sparkle Box book on Wednesday night, please take one to share with your family. They are located in the breezeway near the coffee.

Articles and information for the January Tower need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, December 19.

Early service returns January 6.

## The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

### Class of 2019

Doyce Deas  
Lori Dickerson  
Rick Jones  
Jimmy Milam  
Lucy Nash  
Judy Thomas  
Mike Thomas  
Rochelle Wallace

### Class of 2020

David Carlisle  
Vivian Fleming  
Julie Gibens  
Toni Martin  
Rud Robison  
Chris Rogers

### Class of 2021

Mark Burlason  
Sally Kate Collins  
Ann Godwin  
Richard Hastings  
Glenn Thomas  
Joel Zimmerman

## First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Melissa McDuffie, Interim Youth Director

Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director

Allison Neal, Communications Director

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Teresa Nichols, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Sunny Waters, Director of Preschool

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

## ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

Worship	11:00 - 160
Weekly Budget \$15,418	Offering Amount Received 12-9-18 \$ 13,183
YTD Budgeted Income \$ 897,095	YTD Income Received \$ 794,915

## 2019 Stewardship Update

123 Pledges Totaling \$ 812,296

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your faithfulness.



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