

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at "Coffee Hour" in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Noel for flute stops* Louis Claude D'Aquin
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red "friendship pads" found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT *"Glory to God in the highest"* Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Taylor family

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 1-7 Pew Bible pg. 58
"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

L: Joy to the world!

P: This is the culmination of our years of waiting.

L: We have lit the candles of hope, of peace, and of love. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

P: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

L: Let us our songs employ.

P: Let us sing to the glory of God!

L: Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the prison of despair,

P: Peace in the chaos of life,

L: God's love--graciously, silently, and vulnerably offered.

P: And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY

HYMN #40 (Hymnal)*

"Joy to the World!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us joyful messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146: 5-10

Pat Demers
Pew Bible pgs. 581-582

ANTHEM

"Some children see him"

Alfred Burt,
arr. Joseph M. Martin
The Chorale and Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46-55

Pew Bible pg. 57

SERMON

"Songs of Joy"

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN*

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



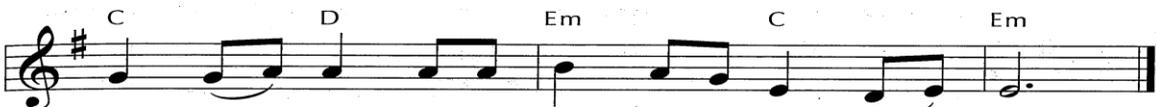
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jae Hwang

L: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,

P: according to the promise of your steadfast love.

L: Let all generations see your blessing,

P: for your name is holy and your mercy is great.

L: Show us the strength of your hand,

P: and lift the burdens of the poor.

L: Work wonders for the humble,

P: and scatter the plans of the proud.

L: Look with favor on the lowly,

P: and cast down tyrants from their thrones.

L: Fill the hungry with good things,

P: and empty the hands of the greedy.

L: Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;

P: through Jesus Christ our Savior.

L: Who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Noel en musette

Louis Claude D'Aquin
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN*

"Love Has Come"

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C Bb F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 Bb C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C Bb C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Magnificat en duo

Jean-François Dandrieu
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

Worship Bags, Children’s Bulletins & Coloring Pages! All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Flowers in the chancel today are the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias. They have been given to the Glory of God in memory, in honor and as a gift of gratitude for many wonderful people. (Copies of the list are in the Narthex.) **Please note:** Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service or on December 27 by contacting the church office.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Hughes family.

Head Ushers are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

Prayer Chain If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office at 609/395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Austin Applegate; Sue Britton; Bill Chermak; Bea Davison; Robert Dyke; Gordon Fraser; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Robb Irving; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Larry Wegner; Larry White; Loida Wilson; Don Winchell; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: friend of the congregation, Michael's mother, Carol; Pat Demers' husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Rose Eller's sister, Louise; Linda Ferguson's sister, Patty; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Lucille Kirkenir's friend, Rosie; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Karen Moser's nephew, Adam; Leigh Perry's cousin, Ruby; Rev. Joanne Petto's friend, Estelle; Arthur Ryba's sister, Anna; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's cousin, Blair; and Roger & Ellie Suttmeier's friend, Jacob.

Meadow Lakes members with special prayer concerns: Wil Cassel; George Dubell; Jane Hahn; Pat Hesslein; Joe Kelly; Jane Kengeter and Beverly Robertson.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897; Marie Perrine at (609)426-6244; or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. **Prayer requests in the bulletin:** In order to keep the prayer request list up to date, we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.

Please be sure to **sign** the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be NO Sunday School on December 31.

NO Middle and High School Youth Group tonight, December 24 and December 31.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED! We need coffee hour host(s) to sign-up. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.

CPNS

Celebrating Christmas at CPNS is always a time to treasure. It is such a special time of year. Children listen to the Christmas story with the look of wonder on their faces. It is a joy to watch as they listen to the Christmas story being told in our sanctuary using large figurines donated many years ago by Harriet Perrine.

Christmas is also a time for families. Our CPNS families have a great time as we gather around the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall and sing those old familiar Christmas carols together. We hope you were able to join us for one of our programs this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Please mark your calendars to attend our 2018-2019 Open House on January 24, 2018. You will have an opportunity to explore the many options our school has to offer. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

If you are a church member you will be able to register beginning on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Please call Janice at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for additional information.

DEACONS

At coffee hour this morning, the Deacons will be selling beautiful candles in a choice of five scents and lovely Christmas mugs with a painting of our church by Agnes Winchell. All items are \$12.00 each. The proceeds from their sale will benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Make it a Happy 2018 at Skeet's Pantry! Skeet's Pantry provided food staples and turkeys on December 15th for a whopping 315 people in 102 families – all thanks to the kindness of our congregation and community. It was a wonderful morning of giving, including gifts for adults and children. A big “thank you” goes to Pat Demers and Kathy Wise for shepherding the collection and distribution of those gifts. And thanks, too, to Girl Scout Troop 72911 for baking and packing bags of cookies for each and every family. Needless to say, all our faithful volunteers continue to be the quiet army of helping hands without which Skeet's just wouldn't be possible.

Now we are gearing up for 2018 and hope it will continue to be another good one for Skeet's Pantry and the families we serve – so we are turning to our congregation again for help to restock our shelves. Thanks again, and have a happy, healthy New Year!

January 2018 WISH LIST:

Top Priority:

Tuna Fish, Cereal (family size boxes) and Detergent (32 oz. containers)

Always Welcome:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: We will resume Sr. exercise on January 4, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 12/24 (Team #2) – 12/31 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 12/17/17
Weekly Offering	\$23,035
YTD Offerings	\$410,145
YTD Expenses	\$495,019
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$84,874)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,196 (19% of \$21,636)	

WORSHIP

Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for lay readers for January 2018 through June 2018. We welcome new readers to join our team, and would be happy to see your name for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheet which may be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 24, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve)

NO Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

5:00p Bell Service for Children of All Ages

9:00p Family Service

11:00p Candlelight Communion Service

December 31, 2017 (New Year's Eve)

10:30a Worship

11:00a Meadow Lakes Faithful Ending
Worship Service

December 25, 2017 (Christmas Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

December 26, 2017

CPNS/Church Office Closed

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

December 27, 2017

CPNS Closed

9a-12p Church Office Hours

7:00p Bell Choir

December 28, 2017

CPNS Closed

9a-12p Church Office Hours

December 29, 2017

CPNS Closed

9a-12p Church Office Hours

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

December 30, 2017