

December 16, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

## Order of Service

### GATHERING

As followers of Jesus  
we will love the Lord our God  
with all our hearts,  
with all our souls  
and with all our minds.  
And we will love our neighbors  
as ourselves and serve them  
in the name of Christ.  
*Matthew 22:37, 39*

*Love God  
Follow Jesus  
Serve in Spirit*

PRELUDE

*Toccata on "Mendelssohn"*  
Mark Ramsey, Organ

– Stephen Sturz

*Silent Night* – Grüber, arr. Arnold Sherman  
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MEDITATION

Anderson Family

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us;

**People: God sends good news to the oppressed.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice!

**People: Be gentle to all for the Lord is near!**

\*HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, while we ask for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us, Lord, for not bending our knees in prayer; for not reading your Word in faith; for not searching our hearts in truth; and for not facing our sin. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks forth for us this year, we may experience a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live in the Way of Christ Jesus, the One who is coming into the world; Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Please sign the Friendship Register found at the end of the pew and pass it on as you prepare for worship. Visitors are urged to leave their address, to receive a letter of welcome from the pastor and be placed on the newsletter email list.*

\*Please stand at the asterisks.

## PROCLAMATION

# "Christmas Glory"

*Super Special Christmas*  
Pure Praise Singers

– Peter & Hanneke Jacobs

Reading

Psalm 29

*Alleluia! Christ Has Come*  
One Voice

– Phillip Keveren

Reading

John 1:14-18

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
First Ringers

– arr. Jason Krug

Reading

Mary Pringle

*Mary, Did You Know?*  
FPC Youth Ensemble

– Lowry/Green, arr. Fred Bock

Reading

Linda Felver

*Til The Season Comes 'Round Again*  
Hearts Hands and Voices Sign Language Ensemble

– John Jarvis/Randy Goodrum

Reading

Robert Louis Stevenson

*Three Wise Men Traveling*  
Sanctuary Choir, Organist Mark Ramsey, Pianist Bea Towe

– Gordon Young

## RESPONDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Carol of the Bells*  
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, Percussionist Kevin Reeves

– Leontovych, arr. Kevin McChesney

\*DOXOLOGY

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION



**Bulletin Recycling.** If you do not want to take your bulletin home, please take it to the recycling basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**If you are hospitalized or confined at home** due to illness, call the church office at 480-964-8606 to let us know. Please note: If you are in the hospital, let us know what your room number is. In order to comply with new stricter government regulations to protect patients' privacy, hospitals refuse to provide any information, including room numbers.

**Sanctuary Flowers** are a way for you to recall a special person or event in your life. Flowers are available at a cost of \$50 or you may notify the church office of your desire to furnish your own flowers. You may take the flowers that Sunday or leave them for the Deacons to deliver. If you are interested in providing flowers, fill out the form found at the Kiosk or in the office. After completion, please return it to the office, along with a check and instructions.

**Activities for the Week of December 16, 2018**

<b>Today, 12/16</b>	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m.	Music Sunday Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, 12/18</b>	1:30p.m. 6:30p.m.	PW Sewing, Parlor Dei Gloriam at Zoolights
<b>Wednesday, 12/19</b>	7:30a.m. 8:30a.m. 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall Dave's Crew First Ringers, Bell Room Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 12/20</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Friday, 12/21</b>	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**Upcoming Events**

<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Office Closed 5:30p.m. — Family Service 8:30p.m. — Traditional Service
<b>December 25</b>	Merry Christmas!
<b>December 30</b>	One 10:00 service featuring Matsiko World Orphan Choir, Fellowship Hall
<b>12/31 &amp; 1/1</b>	Office closed
<b>January 7</b>	Deacons meet
<b>January 25 &amp; 26</b>	FPC hosts Presbytery

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