

Service for the Lord's Day

Christmas Morning

December 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God's People

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!

P: Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

L: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it!

P: Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

L: His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace

P: Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

L: His name is Emmanuel—God with us.

P: Today is Christmas! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore

Psalm 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness, We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may trust in your abiding presence and proclaim the good news of this day to the world. In the name of the one who is 'God with us,' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Isa. 62:11–12

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2: 1-7

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“This is Christmas!”

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Isaiah 9: 2,6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Being Sent Into the World

HYMN #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshiping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) will stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 200. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

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In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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