



**December 15, 2019**

**PASTOR ALAN ADAMS**

*But let all who take refuge in you rejoice: let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.*  
**(Psalm 5:11)**

**PRELUDE:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

(arr.) Edward Broughton

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Spirit of the Living God*

Dan Iverson

## SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH A TIME FOR PEACE

Halvorson/Daniels Family

Introduction

Reading -- *Psalm 5:11*

Reflection on Joy as the Joy candle is lit

Concluding Prayer

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 66:1-4*

Halvorson/Daniels Family

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name; give Him glorious praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:** *Joy to the World!*

**No. 179**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

**O God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people  
but we do not do what you command.**

**We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when  
we could be useful.**

**Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us for  
joyful service to Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Savior. Amen.**

(a moment for silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**\*RESPONDING WITH PRAISE:** *Glory Be to the Father* **No. 734**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* HandBell Choir

**A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**ANTHEM:** *Once in Royal David's City* Howard Helvey

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** *Psalm 146:5-10 // Luke 1:46-55*

**SERMON:** *My Soul Magnifies the Lord* Pastor Alan

**\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER:** *The Apostles' Creed* insert

**\*HYMN:** *Away In A Manger* **No. 203**

**CALL TO OFFERING - COLLECTION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** *Love Came Down at Christmas* Alice Jordan

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **No. 34**

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **No. 489**  
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place;*  
*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

**THE PEOPLE PRAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **No. 154**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE:** *Threefold* Danish

**POSTLUDE:** *Christmas Postlude* Mary Lawrence

Please join us after the Postlude in the breezeway for lemonade and cookies.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Alan Adams
Clerk of Session	Elder Dave Bremer
Music Director	Genie Martin
Organist	Charles Dirr
Treasurer	Elder Edward Maassen
Sound Technicians	Elders Tyler Maassen & Skip West
Office Manager	Karen Cassels

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## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

### FPC MEMBERS

Jean Borsmann, Jackie Combs, Candy Reid and Bill Stander.

### FPC—FAMILY/FRIENDS

George Adams (Pastor Alans' father), Cheryl Baldwin (Calvin Martin, Jr mother in law), Colton Brantley (Edith's friend), David (Gallant's friend), Debi Collins (Jan LoPortos' friend), Victoria Cross, Rick & Pam Dodd, Carrie Evans, Roger Evans, Jane Hayward, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter, Lorena Mee, Cary Mercer, Karen Mercer, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Hallie Parker, Linda R. (Carlas' friend), and Linda Summers.

Sending prayers to the family of Frances Pooser.

### MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, Brent Mayo, Cole Overcash and Wilda Smith. If you have a military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434.

#### Session

2019	2020	2021
Donnie Knoche	Dave Bremer	Beth Liszak
Jill Maassen	Johnny Maassen	Mitzie McGavic
Carol Treadwell	Mac Martin	Judie Neeley
Judy Kirkpatrick	MaryAnn Treadwell	Skip West

### ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way

David Holloman

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK

**Welcome to our worship service! We invite you to sign the friendship pads** so we can stay connected with everyone. **Visitors**, please be sure to include your **email address** so that we can add you to our weekly newsletter.

### **Sunday: Dec 15th**

- 9:45** Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Morning Worship **Collection of Children's Coins**
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway
- 5:00** **Christmas Concert**

### **Monday: Dec 16th**

- 9:00** Monday Morning Ladies (Duplex)
- 12:00** Men's Luncheon at **Country Café**
- 5:30** **Session Meeting (Duplex)**

### **Tuesday: Dec 17th**

- 2:30** **Ladies' Bible Circle (duplex) Women of Grace**

### **Wednesday: Dec 11th**

**No activities till after January**

### **Sunday: Dec 22th**

- 9:45** Sunday School All Ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Worship
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

### **Tuesday: Dec 24th**

- 6:00** Christmas Eve Service

Don't forget to turn in your Poinsettia order.

Don't forget **Angel tree gifts** are due in **Sunday, Dec 15th**

Christmas Joy envelopes are in the pews if you would like to donate.



## **Angel Tree Mision' Peniel**

**Located in the Narthex is our Angel Tree  
for Mision' Peniel.**

- **Take a tag or two from the tree**
- **Buy one outfit for each tag**
- **Attach the tag to the outfit**
- **Bring the tag and outfit to the church  
unwrapped in a regular bag.**

**All we have to do is supply the outfit this year.  
They have several organizations that will be  
supplying the toys, and etc.**

**Please bring your outfit in by December 15<sup>th</sup>. You  
Can leave it in the Narthex or stop and drop it  
Off at the church office. The outfits will be taken on  
Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

# First Presbyterian Church

## 2019 Holiday Activities

- Nov 3—Dec 8** Purchase Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary
- Dec 11** Choir Caroling to Hospice House & Arcadia Oaks—Chili Party at Genie's afterward
- Dec 14** Final Rehearsal Party 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 15** Christmas Concert at 5:00 p.m.  
Angel Tree outfits to be turn in
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for being a part of our church family. We appreciate each and every one of you.





***First Presbyterian Church***

***209 W. Hickory St***

***Presents***

***Annual Christmas Music Program***

***Sunday, December 15***

***5:00 P.M.***

***EVERYONE WELCOME***

***Featuring:***

***Adult Choir ~ Handbell Choir***

***Director of Music ~ Genie Martin***

***Organist/Pianist ~ Lew Cassels***

***Refreshments to follow in Pfrangle Hall***

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and  
in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## **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.**