



Morning Song

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday
of Advent

8:45 and 11:00am

Opening Music

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace
(see next page)

Congregational Response

"Christmas Gifts: The Divine Mailbox"

Luke 1:26-38

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Affirmation of Faith (see next page)

Song

Prayers

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to
"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,

All: and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

One: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

All: the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

One: On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;

All: He will raise a signal for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. (Isaiah 11:1, 6, 10, 12)

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, we confess that too often we fail to live as agents of Your peace. Yet, through Christ, You still grant to us the peace that passes understanding. As we watch and wait, help us to live as people of peace. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive the Child born for us, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Participating in Today's Services

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown (8:45)

Advent Candle Lighters

Beth and Josh Thompson and family (8:45)

Kitty and Greg Googer and family (11:00)

Today's Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sunday School

9:45am

CHILDREN (Birth-5th Gr): Classes in the Clark Building

YOUTH (6th-12th Gr): Meets in Family Life Center (2nd Floor)

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE	Room 2210
CHOIR CLASS	Room 2208
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES	Room C212
EMMAUS CLASS	Room 2207
FAITH DRIVEN	Room C210
FELLOWSHIP CLASS	Room 2212
OPEN CLASS	Room 2213
PURNELL CLASS	Purnell Room

MISSION THAT SERVES OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR GOD

*Our congregation serves God and our neighbors at home and abroad
with these local and international missions.*

LOCAL MISSIONS

Poverty: Monthly Hunger Offering; Mobile Meals; Winter Warmth; TOTAL Ministries; Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN); Habitat for Humanity; The Haven; CAST Program; Neighborhood Meal Ministry

Healing: Angel Tree; St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic; Children's Advocacy Center; HOPE Center for Children; SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Network; Thornwell Home for Children; Presbyterian Communities of SC; Disaster Relief: One Great Hour of Sharing, Disaster Response Action Team; Kairos Prison Ministry; MLK, Jr. Celebration; Refugee Relief; Mental Health Advocacy

Education: Pine Street Elementary Tutoring; Boys & Girls Clubs; Spartanburg Presbyterian Student Association (UKIRK); Arcadia Outreach Ministry; Presbytery Unified Funds; The Shepherd's Center; Adult Learning Center

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Missionaries: Support for missionaries - **Jo Ella Holman**, *PCUSA liaison for the Caribbean*; **Mark Hare and Jenny Bent**, *mission co-workers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic*; **Mission Workers** serving with Kurds; **Mission Workers** Serving in the Middle East

Dominican Republic: Clinica Cristiana; Center for Christian Education & Development (CCED School); Sponsorship of CCED School Children; Infant Nutrition Program

Cuba: Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Santa Clara partnership

Haiti: Haiti Outreach Ministries; Haiti Reforestation Project (CODEP)

Philippines: Precious Heritage Ministries orphanage and feeding program for street children

India: Set Free Alliance

Witness Season

Bread for the World

*This week, please pray for these PC(USA) Missionaries:
Melissa and Charles Johnson (Zambia) and for
Spartanburg City Police Officer Keith Soules (FPC's Adopt-a-Cop).*

Staff: **Dr. Tom Evans**, Senior Pastor; **Rev. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Rev. Joanne Hull**, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions; **Holt Andrews**, Pastoral Musician; **Marcia Andrews**, Associate Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Children's Ministries Director; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **Colleen Darrall**, Recreation Director; **Jane Mullins**, Hospitality Director

MorningSong Musicians: Lisa Cunningham, *piano/vocals*; Kolby Carrouth, *drums*; Cooper Cecil, *bass*; Landon Hammett, *keyboard/vocals*; Jeff Key, *acoustic guitar/bass*; Leigha Pace, *vocals*.

Need to Step Out During the Service? If possible, please use the door in the back of Fogartie Hall.



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