



# Morning Song

December 16, 2018

Lessons and carols

8:45am Fogartie Hall

Welcome!

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

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Opening Music

*He Has Come For Us  
(God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Moment for Mission: Stewardship

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,  
in the hustle and bustle of this season,  
we confess that too often we lose sight  
of the joy of your coming.

So renew in us that sense of awe  
of your incarnation and your abiding presence,  
that we might sing out with Mary in joy and praise.

Thank you for the joy that you give to every heart  
that trusts in you.

As we watch and wait for you to return,  
help us to share your joy with each other  
in all that we say and do. Amen.

Congregational Response

*Emmanuel*

## The Word for Children

### First Lesson

*Isaiah Foretells the Coming of Our Savior*

Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### Second Lesson

*The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary*

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Carol

*Be Born In Me (Mary)*

### Third Lesson

*The Birth of Our Savior*

Luke 2:1-14

Carol

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### Fourth Lesson

*The Good News is Given to the Shepherds*

Luke 2:15-20

Carol

*Joseph's Lullaby*

## Fifth Lesson

*Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus and John the Baptist* Luke 1:67-79

Carol

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Prayers

Offering

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

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## Participating in Today's Service

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Mrs. Jessalyn W. Story

Mr. and Mrs. John Lefebvre (Lisa)

Mr. H. Cullen Reed III, Elder

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December 23: Regular Worship and  
Sunday School Schedule.

December 30: We will worship together as a  
Church Family at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.  
All other services and classes will not meet.

## 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

**Staff**: **Dr. Tom Evans**, Senior Pastor; **Rev. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications; **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; **Mark Ashby**, Director of Youth Ministries; **Cesily King**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **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*; Anna Harkey, *violinist*; 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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