

Morning Song



December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons and Carols

8:45 and 11:00am - Fogartie Hall

Opening Music

Midnight Clear

For Unto Us a Child Is Born / Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Opening Prayer and Welcome

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

The Birth of John

Luke 1:57-58, 67-80

Carol

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Second Lesson

The Angel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Carol

Be Born in Me

Third Lesson

The Birth of Our Lord

Luke 2:8-20

Carol

A Christmas Alleluia

Fourth Lesson

Let Us Welcome the King

Psalm 24

Carol

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Prayers

Offering

Joy to the World

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."

Participating in Today's Services

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Rev. Joanne R. Hull (8:45)
Rev. Christi O. Brown (11:00)

Advent Candle Lighters
Becky and Len Reed (8:45)
Emily and Kam Neely and family (11:00)

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

Please Note: No Sunday School on
December 24 or December 31.

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:
Sharon and Lynn Kandel (South Sudan) 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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