



# Morning Song

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

11:00am - Fogartie Hall

Opening Music

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Children's Time

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

Congregational Response

"Joseph, the Forgotten Man at the Manger"

Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-15

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Affirmation of Faith (see next page)

Song

Prayers

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

# 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 thank you for your gift of love, shown perfectly in Jesus Christ. Your love never fails, and transforms all those who give and receive it. Your command to love is so simple, yet often so hard to put into practice. As we continue our Advent journey, forgive our failures to love, and help us to share your great love with each other. Amen.**

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# Affirmation of Faith

## The 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.

# 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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## Participating in Today's Services

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Advent Candle Lighters

Jinger and Mark Willard and family

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## Sunday School

9:45am

**CHILDREN** (Birth-5<sup>th</sup> Gr): Classes in the Clark Building

**YOUTH** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr): Meets in Family Life Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### **ADULTS**

<b>BIBLE ALIVE</b>	Room 2210
<b>CHOIR CLASS</b>	Room 2208
<b>CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES</b>	Room C212
<b>EMMAUS CLASS</b>	Room 2207
<b>FAITH DRIVEN</b>	Room C210
<b>FELLOWSHIP CLASS</b>	Room 2212
<b>OPEN CLASS</b>	Room 2213
<b>PURNELL CLASS</b>	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 this PC(USA) Missionary:  
Tracey King-Ortega (Nicaragua/Central America Region) 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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