

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

What a joy to return to you what you have given us. Jesus, through these gifts may your joy come into the a preoccupied with other things that distract from the greater good. **Amen.**

PRAYER of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn HB 161: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you enjoy the "**W**elcome Packet" provided by our Church Greeter.

There is also a special "Welcome Packet" for children.

Please indicate your contact information in the black pew pad.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, light refreshments, and friendly conversation!



Childcare offered Sundays 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.

(There are no peanut products in the nursery.)

Junior Church for gr. K-5 next to nursery, after Sunday children's msg

(No junior church weeks when congregation celebrates communion together!)

Youth Group Resumes in Mid-January

Adult Education: The Star of Bethlehem, 12/22 & 12/29

Sundays 9:30am in Fellowship Hall & Wednesdays 6:30pm CE room

Chinese/English Bilingual Bible Study after worship in Berean Room

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and Leave a Comment to Invite Others to Come and See
What Good God is Doing at FPC!**



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December 15, 2019

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Elder Assisting: Mat Mauger

Today's Musician: Laura Kesor

Nursery: Linda Flowers

Advent Candles: The Horn/Holley Family

Junior Church: Rob Rawls and Cindy & Keegan Horn

Lord's Day Worship

December 15, 2019

Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during
Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

Please refer to "The Hymnbook" (HB) and insert today.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

INTROIT

by FPC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Luke 1:46a

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"

CANDLELIGHTING:

We light the Candles of Hope and Peace again to remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting hope and peace.

(Person lights the Candles of Hope and Peace.)

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the pink Candle of Joy.

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, because through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

(Person lights the Third Candle, the pink Candle of Joy)

**Please Stand if Able.*

*Hymn of Praise Insert: "The Advent of Our God"

(play once through, then sing vv. 1-2 and 4-6)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Unison*

Though this is the joyful season, Lord, we confess that we often allow worries and frustrations of busyness overtake us. Forgive us that we may return to you, for your joy, Jesus, is our strength. Amen.

(Pause for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

by Sally Kean

(Please pick up children after worship from Jr Church next to nursery in lower level.)

CALL TO GOD'S WORD *Unison*

John 10:35 & Romans 4:3

"Scripture cannot be set aside. What does Scripture say?"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 3

O.T. pg. No. 376

Matthew 1:18-25

N.T. pg. No. 1374

SERMON: "Joy for This Kindness is Greater"

By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

*Hymn of Response HB 147: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Unison*

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

PRAYER LIST:

Sympathies to the Family of Bobby Lutz (Karen Johnston's brother) who passed away Fri., Nov. 29 / services on Dec. 5;

Prayers for young people in our church, community and families.

Karen Holland, (Robert's Mother) for rehab and healing;

Cathy L., (O'Toole's friend) in OSU hospital after colon surgery;

Laura L., (O'Toole's friend) 2nd phase of chemotherapy for ovarian cancer;

Doris M., (David O'Toole's aunt), prepared to have radiation for lung cancer;

Dale Seiberling, recently hospitalized (now in assisted living at Kendall, room 888, as of 11/30) keep both Dale and Sally in prayer as they adjust from living independently to assisted living;

Edith Smith, pray for strength in legs and ease of chronic pain;

Anthony Violi (Joyce Mathews' Dad) age 101, in Assisted Living;

Church Family & Friends with Cancer: Cindy Fleming (Celler's friend), Darrell Glenn (Marshall's brother), Jerry Joyner (De Spaulding's in-law), Larry Francis (Goldstein's friend); Doris M. (O'Toole's Aunt), Michelle McCarthy (De's Family Member), David Metzger (Denise's bro.) Diana Mock, Ann Parkinson (Pam's sister), Heath Robertson (veteran), Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother)

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers: Connie & Victor DeRose, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Joan Mauger, Pat Morrison, Anne Nixon, Dale & Sally Seiberling

Safety of Members & Family Serving in Military: CPO John Vincent

WITH THE HOLIDAYS UPON US, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES THIS YEAR:

Deceased in 2019: Dean Buri, Wayne Baird Burdette, Larry Mock, Winston Page, Marjorie Rensch, & Thomas T. Tykodi

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

16 Fred & Linda Goldstein 21 Joey Crawford, Jason Kean
22 Owen Bowlby, Sarah Gundler, David Zeller
23 Jack Witt, Pat Landis, Marshall & Linda Glenn
26 Wyatt Nathan Harvell 28 Tabitha Boggs-Hernandez

Giving Totals for Sunday – Dec. 8 Poinsettias \$128

Missions: Boaz \$50 Main St. Xmas \$236 Plate: \$1,999.50

Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 plate offering weekly

Nov. 24: 64/\$1,174.85 Dec. 1: 71/\$4,733.50 Dec. 8: 71/\$1,999.50

Congratulations to Heather Gardner-Crawford (Leighann's daughter) who received "Citizen of the Month" at Newark Highschool. She was one of 30 students from grades 7-12! Way to go, Heather!!!

Olde First News–December 15, 2019

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY: Sunday School for adults 9:30-10:30am FH;
Worship & Jr. Church, 10:45am with fellowship after
Chinese/English Bilingual Bible Study noon Berean rm

MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30pm basement activity room

WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30-8pm FH;
Bible Study: Adults 6:30-7:30pm CE rm;
Choir Rehearsal 7:30-8:30pm CE rm

THURSDAY: Session Mtg, 7pm CE rm – normally 2nd Th Each Month;
Next Session Meeting: Thursday, January 9 at 7pm
Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9pm FH (every other week)

FRIDAY: Brownie Troop, 6:30-8:30pm CE rm (every other week)

NEW ADDRESSES:

Pat Morrison c/o Wesley Glen
5155 N High Street, Room 210E, Columbus, OH 43214
Dale & Sally Seiberling
2158 Columbus Rd, Room 307, Granville, OH 43023

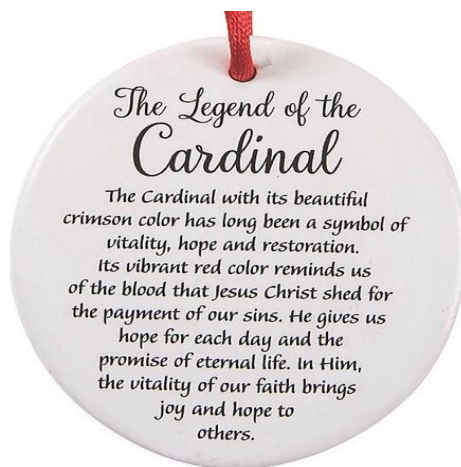


**Tuesday,
December
24th, 7pm**



Sunday, January 5th

In lieu of live poinsettias this year you may wish to contribute ten dollars for a silk poinsettia as a remembrance which will include a "The Legend of the Cardinal" ornament as your keepsake. The silk poinsettias will remain as part of our church Christmas decorations. Then the usual in memory, etc. tear-off to be included.



Make checks to First Presbyterian Church
(Put "Poinsettias" on memo line.)

Your Name: _____

Quantity: _____ Amount Enclosed (\$10 each) \$ _____

Circle: In Memory of OR In Honor of

The Advent of Our God

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1 The ad-vent of our God Shall be our theme for prayer;
2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate stoops to be,
3 Come, Zi-on's daugh-ter, rise To meet your low-ly king,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a-gain

Come, let us meet him on the road And place for him pre-pare.
Him-self the ser-vant's form puts on To set his peo-ple free.
Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace he comes to bring.
And all his scat-tered saints u-nite With him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin be put to flight;
No longer let the law hold sway,
But walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.



Advent Preaching Series with "Special Biblical Guest"

12/1: Ruth 1 – Hope

12/8: Ruth 2 – Peace

12/15: Ruth 3 – Joy

12/22: Ruth 4 – Love

Veterans day & Advent sermon manuscripts can be found on the FPC website. Please contact the church office to request recording of worship service.