

## 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

We give our hearts. We give these gifts. We give thanks for all that you Christ have done for us that we have life in your kingdom. Use all for your purpose and will. **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 HoF 122: "Silent Night! Holy Night!"  
*(Sung by candlelight.)*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

If you are visiting today, we thank you for coming and hope you enjoy the "Welcome 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.

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

*(There are no peanut products in the nursery.)*

*(Children & youth classes below with new curriculum resumes in January.)*

Junior Church for PreK-5 next to nursery, after Sunday children's msg

Teen/Tween Youth Groups: Wed 6:30-7:30pm activity room

**Adult Education: "Star of Bethlehem" continued, Sunday 12/29**

"Fruit of the Spirit" resumes in January

Sundays 9:30am in Fellowship Hall & Wednesdays 6:30pm CE room  
Chinese/English Bilingual Bible Study after worship in Berean Room

**Like Us on Facebook,  
and Leave a Comment to Invite Others to Come and See What  
Good God is Doing at FPC!**



**Advent sermon manuscripts can be found on FPC website.  
To request recording of worship service, please contact church office.**

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**December 24, 2019**

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:  
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310



### CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Elder Assisting: Mat Mauger

Today's Musician: Collin Richardson

Nursery thru K: Linda Flowers

Advent Candles: The Holland Family

Junior Church: resumes in January

# Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2019    Worship, 7pm    (Sundays 10:45am)

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

*Please refer to "Hymns of Faith" (HoF) tonight.*

## 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)*

PRELUDE  
ANTHEM

*Lighting Advent & Table Candles  
by FPC Choir*

*\*Please Stand if Able.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Help us to have love as witnesses to Jesus and to spread the good news  
of your love.

Help us to be ready to welcome Christ's coming, just as those  
who extended a welcome to the newborn Christ child.

**\*Hymn of Praise HoF 136: "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**    *Unison*

We confess that there are many times that we concentrate on what we  
want to receive, instead of giving all of ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, the  
one who gave your life to save us from our sin. Forgive us. 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 Pastor Janet*

*(Junior church resumes 1/19/2020.)*

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:

Luke 2:1-21

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"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the  
LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, "You  
must not eat from any tree in the garden?"    Genesis 3:1

SERMON:

"Just as They Had Been Told"

*By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

## Response to God's Word

**\*Hymn of Response HoF 127: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

**\*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:

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

*With The Holidays Upon Us, Please Remember Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones This Year.*

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

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); Larry Francis (Goldstein's friend); Darrell Glenn (Marshall's brother); Jerry Joyner (De Spaulding's in-law); Laura L., (O'Toole's friend); Doris M. (O'Toole's Aunt); Michelle McCarthy (De's Family Member); David Metzger (Denise's brother); 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 Sieberling

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2	Jeff Conrad	3	Teri Charles
11	Faith Harvell	22	Diana Mock, Pat Vincent
24	Roger Cruse, Kristie Hammond, Tracy Hammond		
25	Jared Rice	26	Peter Witt
28	Sally Seiberling, Alex Baird	31	Jon Davis

**Giving Totals for Sunday – Dec. 15** Deacons \$38 Poinsettias \$80  
Special Gifts \$795 Plate: \$1,581.50

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

Dec. 1: 71/\$4,733.50 Dec. 8: 71/\$1,999.50 Dec. 15: 61/\$1,581.50

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LAST WALL PEW IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY**

## YOUTH GROUP:

Teens (gr. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Wed 1/15 6:30-7:30 in activity room

Tweens (gr. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Wed 1/22 6:30-7:30 in activity room

Tweens/Teens Wed 1/29 5-7:30 in Horn home

“Overcomer” movie, soup supper, & popcorn

*(Snack donations appreciated. Please see Cindy H.)*

## Olde First News—December 24, 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;

*Starting in January “Tween/Teen Youth Groups” – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Activity Room*

*Resuming in January – Bible Study: adults 6:30-7:30pm CE rm;*

*Resuming in January – Choir Rehearsal 7:30-8:30pm CE rm*

**THURSDAY:** Session Mtg, 7pm CE rm – normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Th Each Month;

**Next Session Meeting: Thurs, January 9 at 7pm  
with Confirmands**

Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9pm FH (every other week)

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

**Please Note:** Church Office is closed the week between  
Christmas & New Year!



**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**



**Public Reception  
of New Members  
& Confirmands:**

**Sun, January 12  
at 10:45am  
with fellowship  
after**

## Poinsettias In Memory Or In Honor of the Following:

\*Judy Baird & Family:

Bruce J. Baird, Jay Baird and Lulu & Noel Baird

\*\*Dan & Shirley Beckner:

Carl & Erma Beckner and Carter Coffey

\*Michael & Janet Bernstein: *In Honor of God*

\*Jim & Teri Charles: Friends & Family Who have passed

\*\*Don & Leslie Crawford: Wayne & Belva Crawford  
and Louis & Arlene Farioli

\*Jon & Karen Davis: *To the Honor & Glory of God*

\*Mary Fickle: Bob Fickle

\*Franklin & Betty Gieseck:

Winston Page, Marjorie Rensch and Larry Mock

\*Fred & Linda Goldstein:

Billie & Bill Ritchey, Larry Ritchey, Fred "Doc"  
Goldstein, Doug Crawford and Elena Fravel

\*Robert & Melissa Holland: *In Honor of God*

\*Curt & Fran Hungerford: Jack Schenz & Robin Schenz  
and Fravel & Hungerford Parents

\*Karen Johnston: In Memory of brother, Bobby Lutz

\*Sally Kean & Family: Bill Kean

\*\*Tom Kimble: Alida "De" Kimble

\*Denise Metzger-Kelling: Margie Kemp

\*Richard & Nancy Lord: Our Parents

\*\*Ken & Joyce Mathews: *In Honor of the Birth of Jesus Christ!*

\*Jacob & Abby Mauger:

Harry & Patty Jo Mauger and Dale Wickline

\*Diana Mock: Larry Mock

\*David O'Toole: In Honor of Patrick O'Toole

\*Rob & Susan Baird: Bruce J. Baird, Jay N. Baird, Lula Baird,  
Rev. Charlie Rawls, Lora Lee Rawls, Bernard Donaldson

\*\*Jason & Beth Thornton: *In Honor of God*

## “What did You Get From Christmas?”

*By Martha Conaway*

What did you get from Christmas?  
Did it mean anything at all  
That Jesus was born in Bethlehem  
In a lowly cattle stall?

Did you get the fit of patience,  
Joy, redemption and peace?  
These are better than worldly things  
These gifts from Christmas will never cease.

Did you get the gift of forgiveness  
And love for one another?  
No matter what our race or creed,  
Each one is our brother.

God gave us the gift of love,  
In Jesus, His only son,  
When he sent him down to earth,  
To bring salvation to every one.

Christmas is every day.  
It never will depart,  
If you have the love Jesus,  
Deep within your heart!

