

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

Father, as you offered your Son to the world and as Mary & Joseph dedicated Jesus in the temple, we offer these gifts to you today. Receive them for your purpose and according to your perfect 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 HB 163: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*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.

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.)

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

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

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

Adult Education on "Fruit of the Spirit"

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!



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

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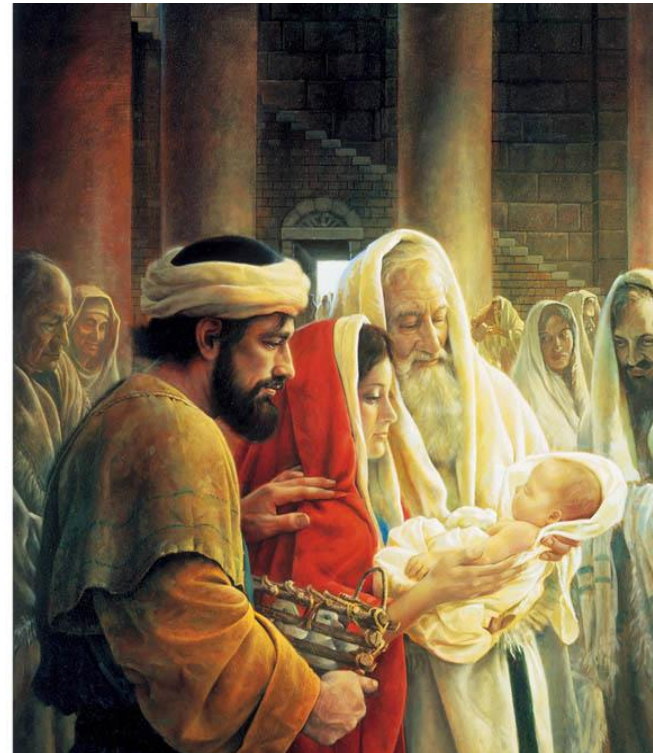
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December 29, 2019

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: Laura Keesor

Nursery thru K: Linda Flowers

Advent Candles: The Slaymaker/Marcum Family

Junior Church: resumes 1/19/2020

Communion Servers: (next week)

Catherine Baird; Leslie Crawford; Sally Kean; Sherri Mauger

Lord's Day Worship

December 29, 2019

Worship, 10:45am

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

Please refer to "The Hymnbook" (HB) 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)*

PRELUDE

Lighting Advent & Table Candles

INTROIT

by Wallace Family

**Please Stand if Able.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Luke 2:20-32

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the
sight of all nations:

**a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your
people Israel.**

*Hymn of Praise HB 170: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Unison*

In great devotion, Mary and Joseph dedicated themselves and Jesus
totally to you. But we, O Lord, hold back on giving our all to you for the
name sake of Your Son. Yet, only through Jesus, "The One Who Saves,"
are we saved. Forgive our sins of selfishness and mistrust. 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 Rob Rawls

(Junior church resumes in January.)

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 2:21-32

N.T. pg. 1460

Revelation 21:22-27

N.T. pg. 1771

SERMON:

"Revelation to the Gentiles"

by The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

*Hymn of Response HB 160: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

*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:

Please call the Pastor, Office, or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements.

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

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

Mac McIntosh (Tom Johnston's nephew), age 58, leukemia;

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. (David O'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. 7th-12th) Wed 1/15 6:30-7:30 in activity room

Tweens (gr. 4th-6th) 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.)

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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;

*1/15/2020 Start, Tween/Teen Youth Groups 6:30-7:30pm in activity rm;
(Snack donations appreciated. Please see Cindy H.)*

Resuming 1/5/2020, Bible Study: adults 6:30-7:30pm CE rm;

Resuming 1/5/2020, Choir Rehearsal 7:30-8:30pm CE rm

THURSDAY: Session Mtg, 7pm CE rm – normally 2nd Th Each Month;

Session Meeting: Thurs, Jan.9 at 7pm w/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 5th



Public Reception of New Members & Confirmands:

Sun, January 12

at 10:45am

with fellowship after

