

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, you have said, O Prince of Peace.  
Now please bless these gifts given by you and returned to you by us for  
the peace of your glorious kingdom, Christ, Our Lord. 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 123: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

\*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.)*

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

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

Youth Education Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm in Green 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

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What Good God is Doing at FPC!](#)



# First Presbyterian Church

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**December 8, 2019**

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

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

*Happy 2nd week of Advent!*



## CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Elder Assisting: Mat Mauger

Today's Musician: Megan Ladd

Nursery: Linda Flowers

Advent Candles: Dixon/Davis Family

Junior Church: Genie Dixon & Katie Slaymaker

# Lord's Day Worship

December 8, 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 "Hymns of Faith" 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)

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

### INTROIT

*by FPC Choir*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### CANDLELIGHTING:

Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, reminding us of our hope in Christ.

*(Light the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. *(Light the Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)*

*\*Please Stand if Able.*

**\*Hymn of Praise HB 148: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

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

Although we are heirs with Christ the Prince of Peace, who taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers," we often confuse your expectation of us. We sometimes keep silent not to make peace, but to keep peace. We put our comfort above the proclamation of the kingdom. Forgive us, King of the Universe and God Most High. Help us to live out our call and purpose in Christ. 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, 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 Jennifer Ladd*

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

CALL TO GOD'S WORD *Unison* from John 10:35 & Romans 4:3

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 2

O.T. pg. No. 375

Luke 2:8-14

N.T. pg. No. 1459

SERMON:

"Fields of Peace"

*By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

## Response to God's Word

**\*Hymn of Response HoF 223: "It is Well with My Soul"**

**\*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;  
**Sympathies to the Family of Don Jakeway** (Baird family friend) who passed away Nov. 30. Don was a paratrooper from WWII and spoke to many students over the years about WWII and veterans;  
**Sympathies to the Family of Doris Laughlin**, who passed on Nov. 29; services were Thurs., Dec. 5 at Outville Presbyterian Church;  
**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) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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;

**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, Anne Nixon

**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

11 Fran Hungerford                      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. 1:** Bereans \$46    Deacons \$25  
 Poinsettias \$70    Missions: Boaz Project \$500 / Kroger rewards \$191.80  
 Rental Proceeds \$2,030    Special Project \$16,364.66    Plate: \$4,733.50  
**Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 plate offering weekly**  
 Nov. 17: 59/\$1,845    Nov. 24: 64/\$1,174.85    Dec. 1: 71/\$4,733.50

## Olde First News—December 8, 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: gr. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> & adults 6:30-7:30pm CE rm;  
 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: Thursday, December 12 at 7pm**  
 Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9pm FH (every other week)  
**FRIDAY:** Brownie Troop, 6:30-8:30pm CE rm (every other week)



### 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.**



**Tuesday,  
 December  
 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

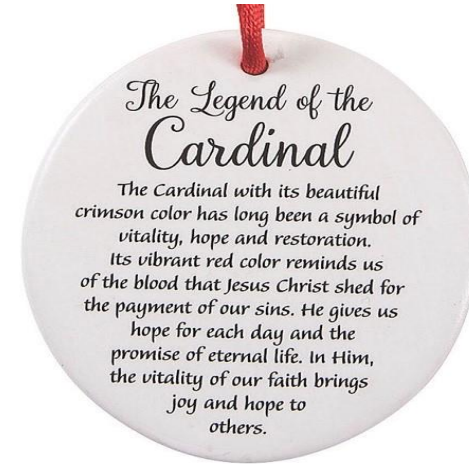
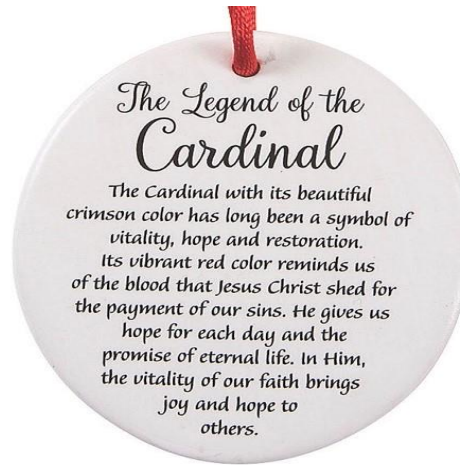


**Sunday, January 5th**

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. Please fill out your order form below and return.



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