

# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 1, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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CARD**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Impression on “We Three Kings” | Alfred Fedak**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | ARNSBERG

*God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you. Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly now with deepest reverence. You alone no we own as our Lord and Savior: praise your name forever!*

+**Hymn No. 150** | “As with Gladness Men of Old” | DIX**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace and God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor and pointing us to Christ in all his beauty and radiance. May his brightness illumine our lives and guide us, and all who belong to Christ to walk as one in your light. We confess that our sin and pride try to hide and cover up the brightness of your light. We overlook the poor; we ignore opportunities to work for justice; we do not strive for peace; we selfishly try to hoard your light and your gifts. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

+**Response to Pardon** | Hymn No. 581 | GLORIA PATRI

**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** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Isaiah 60:1-6 | pew Bible pg. 690**Anthem** | “The Work of Christmas” | arr. Dan Forrest | Eric Langer, soloist

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.*

**Scripture** | Matthew 2:1-12 | pew Bible p. 2

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | “Recalibrating...” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 151** | “We Three Kings of Orient Are” | KINGS OF ORIENT**RESPONSE** \_\_\_\_\_**+Affirmation of Faith** | 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.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

**Stewardship of Life** | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” | K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now Thy pow’r to see, I would be like Thee; ‘gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield; let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!*

**+Doxology** | Hymn No. 606 | OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**+Prayer of Dedication**

The nursery and First Church are not available today. Children are invited to worship with their parents. The nursery and First Church will resume January 8.

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## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 744** | “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” | FESTAL SONG

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

**Postlude** | Noel Nouvelet | Dale Wood

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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We are grateful to Catherine Hicks for playing the organ and to Lillian Quackenbush for conducting in worship today.

Our Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend  
Pendleton B. Peery**  
*Senior Pastor*

**The Reverend  
Anna R. Dickson**  
*Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Care*

**The Reverend  
Robert L. Galloway**  
*Associate Pastor for  
Christian Formation and  
Young Adults*

**The Reverend Dr.  
Charles C.  
Williamson**  
*Parish Associate*

**William P. Young, III**  
*Director of  
Music Ministries*

### Sun Counseling and Wellness at First Presbyterian Church

Sun Counseling and Wellness therapists, Andrea Juarez and Sheba Surratt, are onsite in the Fresco Lobby counseling offices during business hours Monday-Friday, and in early evenings Monday-Thursday. If you are considering seeking counseling support in the new year, visit ***firstpres-charlotte.org/counseling-center***. You can read more about their respective areas of expertise and methodology linked under their images on the webpage. The counseling center's dedicated entrance provides confidential access to the FPC building, and is convenient to those who work and/or live uptown. Scholarships are available.



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ANDREA JUAREZ,  
LCSWA

## CHURCHWIDE

**Pastor on call** – If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

## ADULTS

**What do we believe? Passages Class**, *January 8-29, 9:45 a.m., S203 and Zoom* - The Presbyterian Church's creeds and confessions. | More info: [fpc.tiny.us/passagessundayclass](https://fpc.tiny.us/passagessundayclass)

## YOUTH

### **Montreat Worship and Music Conference**

**Registration**, *Begins January 1* - Open to grades 3-12, with early-bird pricing until January 31. | Contact: [coverbey@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:coverbey@firstpres-charlotte.org)

**Montreat Youth Conference Registration**, *Begins January 8* - Open to all youth in grades 8-12!

**Youth Council Meeting**, *January 8, 5 p.m., Youth Corner* - Middle and High School Youth Councils will meet before PYC that evening.

**Epiphany PYC**, *January 8, 6 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall* - Join us for Epiphany PYC and Shrinky Dink PYC to start the new year!

## CHILDREN

### **Registration for Montreat Worship and Music Conference**

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**Children's Choirs and Handbells**, *Resumes January 11, 6 p.m.* - Rehearsals for TK-5th grade begins at 6 p.m. with dinner available to purchase beginning at 5:15. | Contact: [coverbey@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:coverbey@firstpres-charlotte.org) | [Regist](#)

## OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

**Room In The Inn**, *Monday nights, FPC* - Your help is needed to provide hospitality to eight unsheltered neighbors every Monday night. | Sign up: [fpc.tiny.us/RIT1](https://fpc.tiny.us/RIT1) | Contact: [fbryan@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:fbryan@firstpres-charlotte.org)

**Faith in Housing**, *January 22, 12-1:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall* - Learn how the local faith community is addressing the affordable housing crisis and hear from DreamKey Partners, Give Impact, Ascent Housing, and the Presbytery on creative solutions happening in Charlotte. | Sign Up: [fpc.tiny.us/faithinhousing](https://fpc.tiny.us/faithinhousing)



### **New! Contemplative Service**

*Sundays beginning January 8 | 9-9:40 a.m. | Chapel*

The contemplative service at First Presbyterian Church creates time and space to experience God in different ways. This service follows a similar order of worship as our 11 a.m. service but is more intimate and experiential. The service will be unique each week. It may incorporate elements of silence, reflective prayer, music, and/or meditation. Communion will be served each week. We invite you to try this new service and find a space of calm and centering in your busy life.

More information is available in the Welcome Center.  
| Questions: [mbowman@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:mbowman@firstpres-charlotte.org)

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

CHURCH CLOSED  
Room in the Inn, 5 p.m., FBDR

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301  
PW Circle 13, 2 p.m., S202  
Girls Basketball Practice, 6 p.m., Gym

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206  
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121  
Children's Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Gym

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., P206  
Youth Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Offsite

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301  
DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201  
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center  
Adult Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., P206  
Adult Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., S203  
K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., P306B  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., P306A  
Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary  
PYC, 6 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall



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