

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2018 · 10:30 AM

(* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" arr Sobaje

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Raymond Tucker Family

Unison Prayer: **Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives & shine in our world. Amen**

*HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" # 10

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Heather Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.

We have not always known what is best or made way for your reign

in our lives, our church, and our society.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 1 (v1)
**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-4
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 692

ANTHEM "The White Dove" Brahms

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 45

CHILDREN'S TALK Mary Grow
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN "Prepare the Way" # 13

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed
(See Laminated Pew Cards)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Pastorale" Zipoli

Song of Praise "On Jordan's Bank" # 10 (v4)

**All praise to You, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore**

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Give Peace" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer
(Lord's Prayer on Laminated Pew Cards)

*HYMN "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" # 409

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Leader: . Remember that God is good **People:.....All the time!**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE Epilogue on "Winchester New" Thiman

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher!

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON DEC 16: Throughout the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, there is no greater joy than watching the faces of our shut-ins as we carol to them. Come and join us for lunch and afterward, we caravan to our dear ones. SIGNUP SHEET IN CE HALLWAY! Make a difference in the lives of our shut-ins!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break in parlor

11:15 am Church School

4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight

Mon.....11:00 am PW Coordinating Team in parlor

Tues..... Project Angel Tree Deadline

8:30 am Wed AM Club Rehearsal in Sanctuary

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

Wed.....9:00 am Rome Clergy meets in Parlor

10:30 am Wed AM Club Presentation in Sanctuary

Thurs7:30 am Western Pastor Group in Parlor

3:00 pm Bible Study in Library

BIB Packing

NEXT SUNDAY ...2018 Christmas Pageant

Rescue Mission Food Pantry Collection

Christmas Caroling and Lunch

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Dave Scaccia. Dec 16: Carl Longley

Advent Wreath Lighters: Tucker Family. Dec 16: Garcia Family

Layreader is Heather Tucker; Dec 16: Helen Adsit

Worship Recorder is Jay Fish. Dec 16: Katrina Schell

Deacon Ramp Duty is Marge Palmer. Dec 16: Candy Warner

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Selma O'Meara; Rick O'Meara & Susan Zurawski-Risler; Andrea Radesi & Local Food Pantries

Project Angel Tree is up!! Please take a tag as we help the Rome Salvation Army spread Christmas joy to local youth

Alternative Gift Giving: Support A Cause In Honor Of Someone You Love: Looking for the perfect gift for the person who has everything? Give a gift that brings hope and a new chance for a healthy and productive life for someone struggling to overcome poverty, & give that gift in honor of someone you love!. Table is in between the Bell Choir room & Custodial offices

**Christmas Pageant – Sunday December 23
During Worship**

We could use a few empty cardboard Christmas paper wrapping tubes – See Carrie Scaccia to contribute