

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 · 10:00 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake!" Walther

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Nethaway Family

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

*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" # 29

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Mary Grow
Invitation
Unison Prayer

**God, our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we have heard Mary's song,
we still seek security in pride, power and possessions.**

**Though we know your story,
we resist the cost of following you.**

We pass by those considered lowly in the world.

We turn away from the hungry who wait to be filled.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to seek your justice.

Make us messengers of your peace.

As we wait for you, turn our indifference to love.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel.

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 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 219

ANTHEM "Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy" K Davis, L Grossman
Katrina Schell and David Kolb, Vocalists I. Fraser

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 41

CHILDREN'S TALK Julie Denton

BAPTISM Amelia Rose Sreca
Parents: Taylor and Tanna Sreca

SERMON

*HYMN "Love Has Come" Insert

OFFERING

Invitation
Offertory Music "O Holy Night" Adam
Guests: Laura and Ron D'Angelo

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

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer...using debts and debtors

*HYMN "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" # 20

*BENEDICTION – concluding with
Pastor: ... God is good **People:All the time!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

**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 Toccata on arr Hudson
"Bring a Torch"

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! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Dave Scaccia; Dec 31: Carl Longley

Layreader is Mary Grow; Dec 31: Congregation leads worship

Worship Recorder is Jay Fish. Dec 31: Valerie Wood

Deacon Ramp Duty is Bonnie Herter. Dec 31: Clay Mowry

Coffee Break is immediately after 10am worship in our parlor. Join us for fellowship! Please help pick up if you are able

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Ward & Nancy Beeman; Bev & Joe Hickey; Julie, Bob, Jon & Evie Denton; Michelle Dolan & dad Michael; Sam, Cynthia, Allan & James Pendergrast; Libba Pendergrast and Utica Presbytery Missions

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break in parlor
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

Mon..... Merry Christmas

Tues Church Offices Closed for the Holiday

NEXT SUNDAY . New Year's Eve Day at 10:00 AM; Sam will be away, visiting his mother in Georgia. A team of eight people will lead the congregation through worship that day. No sermon. A couple of extra readings for reflection. A Christmas litany. Extra singing.

2018 Offering Envelopes available in the narthex beginning today



Your Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help provide brighter educational opportunities at historically Presbyterian ethnic schools and colleges; the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that assists retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, the Christmas Joy Offering supports the leaders of our church, past, present and future. The envelopes are in the pews