

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 · 10:00 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

Natalee & Camille Wrege

PRELUDE

"The First Noel" arr Ore

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 37: 3-7, 34)

Leader Trust in the LORD and do what is good;

People.... dwell in the land and live securely.

Leader Take delight in the LORD,

People.... and He will give you your heart's desires.

Leader Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him,

and He will act, making your righteousness

shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday.

People:.... Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for Him;

All Wait for the LORD and keep His way,

and He will exalt you to inherit the land.

*HYMN *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* # 22

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Kevin Taylor

Invitation

Unison Prayer

In your presence, Holy God,

we confess that we need repentance.

We have broken your commands.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,

for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news

and for the sake of all the world.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* # 44 (v4)

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray

Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today!

We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

Proverbs 2:1-11

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CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

GOSPEL READING

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

Luke 10:38-42

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CHILDREN'S TALK

Helen Adsit

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* # 345

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

(See Laminated Pew Cards)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* arr Bradshaw

Song of Praise *What Child Is This"* # 53 (v3)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

(Lord's Prayer on Laminated Pew Cards)

*HYMN *"Once in Royal David's City"* # 49

*BENEDICTION – concluding with
Leader: . Remember that 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 *"In Dulci Jubilo"* arr Held

Thank You Michelle Dolan for filling in for Pastor Sam today

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Tues..... HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wed..... Church Offices Reopen

7:30 pm Senior Choir rehearsal

Thurs 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study in Library

BIB Packing

Sat9:00 am Undecorating our Church for the New Year

NEXT SUNDAY ...Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany Celebration

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL OR YOUTH CHOIR
ENJOY TIME WITH FRIENDS AT COFFEE BREAK**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers are led by Don Hanson. Jan 06: Dave Scaccia

Layreader is Kevin Taylor; Jan 06: Michelle Dolan

Worship Recorder is Shari Fish. Jan 06: Tom McGibbon

Deacon Ramp Duty is Amy Garcia. Jan 06: Bonnie Herter

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Howard & Winnie Sears; Amy & Kevin Fiore and Claire Kondella; Nikki, Steve, Abe & Grace Huntzinger; Chris Hayden, Rene Humez and Augusta-Vernon Center Presbyterian Church, Augusta

EPIPHANY EVENT: The Christmas season doesn't end on December 25th. In fact, the 12 days of Christmas are just getting started. They conclude on January 6th, which day is known as Epiphany and is intended to mark the coming of the Three Wise Men. Epiphany falls on a Sunday in 2019. The holiday rush will be over, and we invite you to experience the true meaning of Christmas with your extended church family. We will have coffee hour in our downstairs dining hall and then work together in small pairings and groups of young and old to make a take-home nativity scene.