

1. The Spirit of New Creation

2. The Spirit of New Exodus

3. The Spirit of Jesus's Glory

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
10:15 AM	Youth Large Group	Youth Building
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
3:00 PM	Messiah Sing Along	Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 AM	Men's Monthly Breakfast	10th Floor
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:30 PM	ONE Bible Study	10th Floor
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	RAPHA Fellowship	Nell Davis
6:30 PM	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8

10:00 AM	Christmas Cake Pick-up	Connector
10:30 AM	It's A Wonderful Life	Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 9

12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	8th Floor
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First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting, city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world, to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. by Ricky Valadez

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"I Wonder as I Wander" arr. by David Parker & Duane Ream
Christine Hassevoort, soprano

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40:9,11; 7:14; Matthew 1:23

Reader: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid.

Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!"

Reader: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

People: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† 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.



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†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

No. 218 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

“Once in Royal David’s City”

No. 225 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 21-23

Reader: Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?

People: The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Reader: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

People: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Reader: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

People: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Christ,

**we confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love.**

**We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
but also our refusal to forgive.**

**We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.**

**In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.**

**Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.**

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

from Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you,

in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

No. 221 (vv. 1,2,4)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam

Christine Hassevoort, soprano

Darrin Hassevoort, tenor

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH*

**Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.’*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

Luke 1:35 — “The Spirit of New Creation”

“The Spirit of Christmas” Sermon Series

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

No. 219 (vv. 1-5)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace, both now and forevermore,

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Psalm 42” by George Böhm

Patrick Rice, organ

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The flowers today are given to glorify our Lord and Savior and in loving memory of Miss Nancy and her Dad Larry, by Betty Jones and Mo.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 5th.

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