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### This Week at 1st Pres

#### Sunday, December 18

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Youth Large Group	Youth Building
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

#### Monday, December 19

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up Women's Prayer Ministry	Connector Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Meeting	Nell Davis
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208

#### Tuesday, December 20

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:45 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	Fellowship Lounge
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

#### Wednesday, December 21

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	RAPHA Fellowship	Nell Davis
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

#### Thursday, December 22

10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

#### Friday, December 23

All Day Church Offices Closed

#### Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
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#### Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM	Christmas Service	Sanctuary
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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 18, 2022

#### 9:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING

#### THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Luke 1:68-69, 76-79*

Reader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.

**People: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,**

Reader: to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,

**People: whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

† 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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† SONGS OF PRAISE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29, 31*

Reader: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

**People: Because He saves us from our sins,  
and because salvation should not be sought  
and cannot be found in anyone else.**

Reader: Why is He called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**People: Because He has been ordained by God the Father  
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit  
to be our chief prophet and teacher**

**Who fully reveals to us the secret counsel  
and will of God concerning our deliverance;**

**our only high priest**

**Who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body,  
and Who continually pleads our cause with the Father;**

**and our eternal king**

**Who governs us by His Word and Spirit,  
and Who guards us and keeps us in the freedom  
He has won for us.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O most great, most just and gracious God,  
we confess that we have all sinned  
and come short of the glory of God.**

**We have neglected Your holy worship.**

**We have not sought first Your kingdom.**

**You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him,  
but we have turned away.**

**We have run into temptation,  
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.**

**Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!**

**In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.**

**Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son,  
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

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 3:15-17 — “The Spirit of the Coming Kingdom”***

*“The Spirit of Christmas” Sermon Series*

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

† SONG OF RESPONSE

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.**

*The flowers for today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Dr. Lawrence H. Lassiter by Mrs. Lawrence Lassiter, Charlotte McNally,  
Lynn Lassiter-Kendrick, and Charles Lassiter. “For unto you is born this day in the  
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our  
homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 19th.*

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SERMON NOTES:

**1. The Baptism of John**

**2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire**