

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM Christmas Service

Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

All Day Church Offices Closed
10:00 AM Flower Delivery Pick-Up

Connector

Tuesday, December 27

10:00 AM All-Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Beatitude Living
6:30 PM Virtual House of Prayer

Tower 402
Tower 404
Zoom

Wednesday, December 28

6:30 AM Dead Theologians Society

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 29

10:00 AM Balance Excercise Class
7:30 PM Virtual House of Prayer

Student Center
Zoom

Friday, December 30

All Day Church Offices Closed

Sunday, January 1

11:00 AM Worship Service

Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

All Day Church Offices Closed
10:00 AM Flower Delivery Pick-Up

Connector



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.

Christmas Day Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" arr. Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:1-5,9

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Reader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World!"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 196 (vv. 1-4)



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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 1:10-14, 16-18

**He was in the world, and the world was made through Him,
yet the world did not know Him.**

He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,

**He gave the right to become children of God,
who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh
nor of the will of man, but of God.**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

For the law was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;

**the only God, Who is at the Father's side,
He has made him known.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.**

In the fullness of time You spoke,

and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation;

we stand in awe before the mystery of the Incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,

empty of hope, lacking in love.

We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

†DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

“This Child Is” arr. Bruce Greer

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Matthew 1:23 — “The Greatest Miracle”

“The Spirit of Christmas” Sermon Series

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 214 (vv. 1,3)

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

“In dulci jubilo” BWV 729, by J.S. Bach

Patrick Rice, organ

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edgar M. Jolley, Sr.
and in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Nancy Jolley and family.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our
homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 26th.*

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DOXOLOGY

using The First Noel

B \flat B \flat B \flat F E \flat (add2) B \flat

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise

7 E \flat (add2) B \flat /D E \flat F B \flat F B \flat B \flat F

Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above Ye

13 E \flat (add2) B \flat E \flat (add2) B \flat /D E \flat F B \flat F B \flat F

heav'n - ly host, Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! No -

19 B \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat F B \flat F 7 B \flat

- el, no - el, no - el, no - el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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