



*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 Eve  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022  
4:00 PM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

**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 Exercise 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

PRELUDE

*“We Three Kings”  
“Silent Night”  
“The First Noel”*

*Reformation Bells  
Reformation Bell  
String Quintet & Piano*

WELCOME

**THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Luke 2:10-15*

Reader: And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**

Reader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

**People: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.**

† **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

**“O Come All, Ye Faithful”  
“What Child Is This”**



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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*"See, Amid the Winter's Snow" No. 199 (vv. 1,2,5,6)*

CHORAL PRESENTATION

*"Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)" by Dan Forrest*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SERMON

*John 1:1 — "The Most Basic Question Everyone Faces"*  
*"The Spirit of Christmas" Sermon Series*  
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

TASTING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION OF SIN

We do not presume to come to this Your table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in Your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under Your table.  
But You are the same Lord, Whose property  
is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Father, to partake  
of this sacrament of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
that we may walk in newness of life,  
may grow into His likeness,  
and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Isaiah 60:1*

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

†COMMUNION HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF PRAISE

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Take these in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you.  
Feed on them in your heart by faith and drink remembering  
that Christ's blood was shed for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*"Silent Night"*

SENDING 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.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

140 A Communion Hymn for Christmas

*Proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Cor. 11:26*

Unison

1. Gath-ered round Your ta - ble on this ho - ly eve,  
2. Prince of Glo - ry, gra - cing Heav'n ere time be - gan,  
3. Beth-lehem's In - car - na - tion, Cal - vary's bit - ter cross,  
4. With pro - found - est won - der we Your bo - dy take -  
5. Christ-mas Babe so ten - der, Lamb who bore our blame,

View - ing Beth - lehem's sta - ble we re - joice and grieve;  
Now for us em - brac - ing death as Son of Man;  
Wrought for us sal - va - tion by Your pain and loss;  
Laid in man - ger yon - der, bro - ken for our sake;  
How shall sin - ners ren - der prais - es due Your name?

Joy to see You ly - ing in Your man - ger bed,  
By Your birth so low - ly, by Your love so true,  
Now we fall be - fore You in this ho - ly place,  
Hushed in ad - o - ra - tion we ap - proach the cup -  
Do Your own good plea - sure in the lives we bring;

Weep to see You dy - ing in our sin - ful stead.  
By Your cross most ho - ly, Lord, we wor - ship You!  
Pros - trate we a - dore You, for Your gift of grace.  
Beth - lehem's pure ob - la - tion free - ly of - fered up.  
In Your ran - somed trea - sure reign for - ev - er King! A - men.

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