



*The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga
is to be a city-center church
compelled by Christ's love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021
11:30 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

"Wexford Carol" arr. Susan Whitacre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP *Hassevoort Family*
"In the Bleak Midwinter" by Harold Darke

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No.218 (vv. 1,3,4,5)
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 221 (vv. 1,2,4)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 21 and 22

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
against You and one another
in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.**

**Illuminate us by Your Word
that we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" No. 198 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Darrin Hassevoort

"Christmas Pastorale" by Joan Pinkston

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

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

† DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

† SERMON

Isaiah 9:6 — "The Child of Promise"
"Joy to the World: An Advent Series"
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 203 (vv. 1,3)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENECTION

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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

The flowers are given to glorify our Lord and Savior and in loving memory of Miss Nancy and her Dad Larry by Betty Jones and Mo. They are also given in memory of Mo's father and grandmother.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 6th.

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Sermon Notes:

1. An Unexpected Deliverance (v.6a)

2. An Extraordinary Deliverer (v.6b)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 5

9:30 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sunday School Youth Large Group	Student Center
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Christmas Concert	Sanctuary

Monday, December 6

10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, December 8

6:15 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Advisory Committee	Tower 404
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 301
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:15 PM	Music Rehearsal Rapha Fellowship	Choir Room SS 209 & SS 210

Thursday, December 9

10:30 AM	It's a Wonderful Life!	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry	Tower 301
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, December 10

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor
6:00 PM	First Friends Int'l Fellowship High School Christmas Party PreK-K Christmas Gathering	Sanctuary Offsite Offsite

Saturday, December 11

9:00 AM	Nursery Christmas Gathering	Student Center
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