



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* CHATTANOOGA

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

Prelude

Reformation Bell Choir
“The Little Drummer Boy” by Simeone, Davis, & Onorati, arr. by Hermany

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Judy Glass and Sigrid Luther
*Adult Choir
“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” from *Christmas Oratorio*
by J.S. Bach

Advent Candle Lighting

†Congregational & Choral Response

“The First Song of Isaiah” by Jack Noble White



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

†Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Chris Ehlers

†Hymns

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” No. 218 (vv. 1,2,4)
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 208 (vv. 1-3)

†Affirmation of Faith *(To be read in unison)*

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Isaiah 60:1-3, 9:2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Hymn

“Silent Night! Holy Night!” No. 210 (vv. 1,3)

Confession of Sin *(To be read in unison)*

Rev. Chris Ehlers

from “Reformed Worship” by James Hart Brumm

We are coming unraveled, O God, pulled apart from every angle, because we have each chosen our own way, forgetting the common good, the universal good, Your true good. We are in need of a way back from the messes we make for ourselves, because we have, too often, rejected Your way to true peace, true wholeness. We are lost, and we need Christ to come quickly.

Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.
Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Private Confession of Sin

Hymn

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” No. 195 (vv. 1,3,4)

Elder Prayer for God's People

Offertory

Reformation Bell Choir
“What Child Is This?” arr. by Jordan Eismeier
Refer to Trinity Hymnal No. 213 for text.

†Greeting of Peace & Dismissal of Children

*Children's church for 4 years old through 1st grade is available. Parents, please walk your children to the PreK-K room. (*Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary during the late service only.)*

†Advent Doxology

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 208 (vs. 4)

†Scripture Reading

Revelation 22:12-17 (pg. 1042 in pew Bible) Dr. Tim Kirk

Sermon

“Bright Morning Star” Dr. Tim Kirk

†Closing Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” No. 218 (vs. 5)

†Benediction

Dr. Tim Kirk

Postlude

“Joy to The World” by Konke Judy Glass, Organ

†The Congregation will please stand.
*10:55 service

The flowers today and for the Christmas Eve service 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

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Sermon Notes:

Advent Reading #4:

Love: Christ’s first advent is the fulfillment of the promise of the covenants: that He will be our God, and we will be His people. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. God’s great love for us is powerfully displayed at the Incarnation of the Son of God, the Word become flesh. For in Christ, God’s love walked among us. Today, we celebrate Christ’s humble first coming and await His glorious second coming, when we will know God’s love in all its fullness.

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” –1 John 4:9-11

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, December 22		
8:30 AM	Early Worship Service (<i>Kirk</i>)	Sanctuary
	Early Fellowship Worship (<i>Haberkorn</i>)	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School	
10:55 AM	Late Worship Service (<i>Kirk</i>)	Sanctuary
	Late Fellowship Worship (<i>Haberkorn</i>)	Fellowship Hall
12:15 PM	Coffee/Coke Fellowship	Coffee Lounge

Monday, December 23		
10:00 AM	Women’s Prayer Time	Session Room

Tuesday, December 24		
<i>Church offices closed.</i>		
5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Communion Service	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25		
<i>Church offices closed.</i>		

Thursday, December 26		
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404

Friday, December 27		
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 10 th Floor

Saturday, December 28

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