



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
CHATTANOOGA

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

Prelude

“Medley” by Susato Judy Glass, organ

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

“That Night” arr. by Ron Huff Adult Choir

†Call to Worship *(To be read in unison)*

Rev. Dick Fisher
Hebrews 10:4-7
For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, “Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have You prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

†Hymn

No. 230 (vv. 1,2)
“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

†Prayer of Adoration

Elder Steve George

†Hymn

No. 216 (vv. 1,2)
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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

Elder Steve George
Hebrews 2:14-18
Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hymn

No. 213 (vs. 2)
“What Child Is This?”

Confession of Sin *(To be read in unison)*
from “Reformed Worship” by James Hart Brumm

Elder Steve George

Lord Jesus, We have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking delight in You.

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

No. 230 (vs. 3)
“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

Elder Prayer for God's People

Offertory

David Luther
“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” by Robert MacGimsey
Sweet little Jesus boy, they made You be born in a manger.
Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who You was.
Didn't know You'd come to save us, Lord,
To take our sins away.
Our eyes was blind—we couldn't see.
We didn't know who You was.
Long time ago, You was born,
Born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus boy.
The world treat You mean, Lord.
Treat me mean, too.
But that's how it is down here.
We didn't know it was You.
You done shown us how we's a-tryin'.
Master, You done shown us how,
Even when You's dyin'.
Just seem like we can't do right; look how we treated You.
But please, Sir, forgive us, Lord. We didn't know it was You.
Sweet little Jesus boy, born long time ago.
Sweet little Holy Child, we didn't know who You was.

†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.)

†Doxology

No. 731

†Scripture Reading

Rev. Dick Fisher
Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 808 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Dick Fisher
“The Virgin Conception and Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ”

†Closing Hymn

No. 193 (vv. 1-4)
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

†Benediction

Rev. Dick Fisher

Postlude

Judy Glass, Organ
“In Dulci Jubilo” by J.S. Bach

†The Congregation will please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of David and Sigrid Luther by the Adult Choir family. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered following the late worship service by the 1st Pres Adult Choir. All volunteers are welcome.)

Announcements are available at 1stPresbyterian.com.

Sermon Notes:

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

This Week at FPCC**Sunday, December 29**

10:55 AM	Worship Service (<i>Fisher</i>)	Sanctuary
	Fellowship Worship (<i>Sisco</i>)	Fellowship Hall
12:15 PM	Coffee/Coke Fellowship	Coffee Lounge
	Flower Arranging/Delivery	Nell Davis

Monday, December 30

10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time	Session Room
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Tuesday, December 31

Church offices closed.

Wednesday, January 1

Church offices closed.

Thursday, January 2

12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
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Friday, January 3

12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 10 th Floor
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Saturday, January 4

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