

Christ

THE WORD...

THE LIGHT OF MEN...

SHINETH

IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:1-5



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary
7:00 PM Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

Thursday, December 14

2-4 PM Food Bank

Sunday, December 31

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Worship Attendance: 105 people attended Worship on December 17

Greeters:

11:00 AM Myra Chapman

Deacons:

11:00 AM Cynthia Hoover

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 8:00AM-2:30PM

Thursday 8:00AM- 4:30PM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00AM-12:00PM

Afternoons and Thursdays - By Appointment

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. George W. Chapman, III Pastor, gchapman@firstpresway.com
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Mrs. Jen Jones, Preschool Director
Mr. Michael Griffith, Maintenance
Mrs. Caroleia Strandburg, Custodian
Miss Sarah Watson, Nursery Attendant
Craig Cavanaugh, A/V Technician

Service for the Lord's Day

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo BuxWV 197

Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* Personent Hodie arr. Holst (1874-1934)

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (*Adapted from Is. 64, II Pt. 3, Ps. 126, Rom. 16*)

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: In Christ, there is light and life for all people.

Leader: We are the clay, Lord, and you are the potter.

People: We are the work of your hand.

Leader: God is not slow about his promise, but is patient.

People: Together we wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us.

People: Restore our fortunes, Lord.

Leader: God is able to strengthen you according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ.

People: To God be the glory forever!

Leader: That which was kept secret is now disclosed.

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

MORNING PRAYER

*HYMN #134

Joy to the World
stanzas 1,2,4

Antioch

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of light and truth, as we await your coming, we fail to make ourselves recognizable as a chosen people. We wrap ourselves in petty and trivial concerns; we maintain false appearances, while trying to hide our brokenness. Forgive us, Lord. Tear away all vanity and falsehood. Clothe us in humility and righteousness, so that we may show your salvation to the world.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

**(Please take a few moments to greet those around you.)*

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Greatorex (1816-1853)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 p.831

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Calypso Carol

Perry (1942-1996) arr. Pote (b. 1945)

See him lying on a bed of straw: a drafty stable with an open door;

Mary cradling the babe she bore the Prince of Glory is his name.

O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of love again:

Just as poor as as was the stable then, the Prince of Glory when he came!

Star of silver, sweep across the skies, show where Jesus in the manger lies;

Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise to see the Savior of the world.

Angels, sing again the song you sang, sing the glory of God's gracious plan;

Sing that Beth'l'hem's little baby can be the Savior of us all.

Mine are riches from your poverty, from your innocence, eternity;

Mine forgiveness by your death for me, child of sorrow for my joy.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 p. 604

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Dressed for Success

Rev. George W. Chapman, III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed p.35 Hymnal

*HYMN #144

In the Bleak Midwinter
stanzas 1, 2, 4

Cranham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory:

**Doxology* (#606)

Old Hundredth

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #123

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
stanzas 1,2,5

Carol

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Anonymous 12th century

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729

Bach

(1685-1750)

****Please stand if able***

Audio aids are available for your convenience.

Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.

KNEELING NOTES

Health & Other Concerns:

Arlene Moren	Anna Carson	Rubye Schwab	Betty Huff
Nancy Garber	Jim Templeman	Mike Hanger	Donna Larsen
David Vines	Tom Montgomery	Lucy Colbert	Anne Johnson
Aileen Kennedy	Ruth Martin	Justin Belew	Eula McGraw
Harold Prettyman	Wanda Braden (Friend of Cathy Cunningham)		
Erin Akens (Friend of Jen Jones) Terry Tuckwiller (Friend of Jen Jones)			
Kaiser family (Friends of Anne Harris) John Hiott			
Tim Cunningham Andy & Jean Robeson			

Elders:

Class of 2018

Bill Bare	<i>Budget & Finance</i>	Cary Bennett	<i>Preschool</i>
Mark Henderson	<i>Admin. & Outreach</i>	Jeannie Curry	<i>Congregational Care</i>
Nancy Snyder	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Betty Dixon	<i>Missions</i>

Class of 2019

Class of 2020

Colleen Cash	<i>Christian Education</i>
Steven Doherty	<i>Admin. & Outreach</i>
Joyce Tipton	<i>Worship</i>

Deacons:

Class of 2018

Anne Epes
Ruth Kelley
Mary Ann Maupin
Bob Miller

Class of 2019

Bruce Bosselman
Mary Scott Miller
Jo Ann Pannill

Class of 2020

Jean Droughman
Sandi Henderson
Cynthia Hoover
Jennifer Jones

Trustees:

Gil Ayers	Anne Wood	Bill Phillips
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Treasurer: Danny Leech

Clerk of Session: Betsy Ruehl

Liturgist for the 11AM service: Joyce Tipton

Food Bank Items for December Peanut Butter (Crunchy & Creamy), Jams, Jellies,
Canned Fruit

2018 Pledge Cards may be deposited in the box in the narthex or sent to the Church Office.

2018 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex.