

FirstUNITED

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the Sundays we will not be worshipping in person, the congregations of First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian Churches will be worshipping together.

Many years ago, our churches shared a history as one congregation before our ties were broken by racism and sin.

Years later, we rejoice that we can participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation as we bear witness to God's faithfulness and grace.

## Order of Worship

*Christmas Eve*  
*December 24, 2020*  
*8 and 11 p.m.*

### Preparation

Prelude

Variations on *Adeste Fideles*

Marcel Dupré

Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Mike and Daphne Williams  
Zara and Xavier Brown

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: **those who lived in a land of deep darkness —on them, light has shined.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

\*Processional Carol No. 133

ADESTE FIDELES

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Opening Prayer

One: All that will be done, has been done, Lord. The preparing, the waiting, the anticipation, the anxiety, all ends tonight. No matter where we find ourselves this Christmas Eve, we make our way to the manger to worship. We leave behind our burdens and fears, come just as we are and rest in the incarnate love of God. We abide in the beauty of boundaries broken, barriers breached and reconciliation enacted through the birth of Jesus Christ. We rejoice that you make stables sacred, ordinary people vessels of the holy, and shepherds and animals the first witnesses to the inbreaking of salvation.

All: **Visit us this night with angels, give us ears to hear the chorus of good news of great joy for all people, grant us the courage to leave what we know in order to encounter heaven come to earth. May the coming of the Prince of Peace hush the din of violence, quiet in us any voice but yours, and render all creation lost in praise. Amen.**

Anthem “Ding! Dong! Merrily on High” arr. Mack Wilberg  
FPC Sanctuary Choir

*Ding! dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing! Ding! dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and “I-o-i-o-i-o!” by priest and people sungen! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime ye ringers! May you beautifully rime your eve-time song, ye singers! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

Anthem “See Dat Babe” arr. James Flanders  
(Christmas Spiritual)  
FUPC Praise Team

Meditation The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.  
“The Birth of Jesus”

\*Carol No. 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

Scripture Luke 2:8-20

\*Carol No. 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

Meditation The Reverend Pen Peery  
“Good News in the Mess of the World”

\*Carol No. 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”

MENDELSSON

Christmas Offering

Roof Above

The Christmas Eve offering will be collected for Roof Above ( the merger of The Urban Ministry Center and The Men’s Shelter). Their mission is to serve as the catalyst for systemic change to end homelessness in our community.

Offertory Anthem

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. Norman Luboff

*Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping. Holy Star, its vigil keeping. Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, ‘tis the eve of our Saviour’s birth. The night is peaceful all around you. Close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, ‘tis the eve of our Saviour’s birth. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber, dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.*

Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Light Shines in the Darkness

\*Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

*During the final stanza, please lift your candle.*

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, ‘round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

\*Benediction

The 2020 Christmas Poinsettias  
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of  
(*Honoraria in italics*)

Sid and Belle Ward Abernethy	<i>Tucker, Peyton and Reagan Kim</i>
Julia Brinkley Austin	Anna Taylor King
Bev and Joan Barksdale	Jean Landrum
Jack Beall	Melvin Love
<i>Darren and Candy Bing</i>	Arlene Main
<i>Helen and Amelia Bing</i>	Paul H. and Margaret C. Mann
John and Jean Born	James E. Martin, Jr.
Frances Lassiter Brinkley	Thomas N. Massey
William Earl Brinkley	Harold and Alice Maye
William Earl Brinkley, Jr.	Bill and Elise McClung
D. Kent Brock	Beverly Bunn Michaux
Nancy Brown	<i>Jane Moore</i>
William Brown	John Moore
Lawrence and Jane Burton	<i>Helen Neil</i>
Dick and Eula Buzard	Joe and Margaret Neil
Kenneth W. Carroll	William B. Neil
Russell H. Carroll	Danny Nivens
Susan Carroll	<i>Ron and Nancy Norelli</i>
James H. Carson, Jr.	Paul M. Page
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carson, Sr.	Nancy Otis Porter
Eugene W. and Mary T. Cochrane	Amelie Pressly
Kathy Craft	Thomas Walter Quattlebaum, Jr.
Wade and Mary Frances Dennis	J. Dennis Rash
Dennis and Frances Doherty	Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ridenhour
Jerry and Terry Dunbar	<i>Page Rogers</i>
<i>Jan Edmiston</i>	Richard L. Rogers, MD
<i>First Presbyterian's and First United Presbyterian's</i>	Rusty Rogers
<i>staff and members</i>	Elizabeth "Beth" Rothrock
<i>Jean Gilcrest</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Rothrock, Jr.
James and Mabel Glover	Fred and Mary Schultze
Jimmy Glover	Odessa Smith and Alta Sexton
R. Taylor Harbison, Jr.	Colin S. Shaw
Nancy Hewett Harris	David Sidbury
Bill and Tet Henley	Ethel Smith
Robert Allen Hewett, Sr.	Lee Stoffel
James C. High	John A. Stollman
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Hite, Sr.	Ed and Carrie Suits
Mr. and Mrs. Roderick P. Hoover, Sr.	Helen H. Tallent
Elizabeth Hosbach	Catherine Turner
Eugenia Hunter	Clara Spencer Vandenburg
Tom and Dorothy Hunter	Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Wallace
Harvey P. Jeffers	<i>John Williams</i>
James (Jim) B. Johnson	Lib Shoaf Williams
Mrs. Nancy Johnson	Mr. and Mrs. William B. Wingfield
Virginia M. Johnson	
<i>Sharon Bing and Warren Kim</i>	

The 2020 Christmas Wreaths  
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of  
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Randy and Pat Ayer  
by their children

Roswell T. Mallory  
by his family

Mr. and Mrs. George Bondranko  
by Ken and Georgia Johnson

Dr. Thomas N. Massey and Dr. Will Massey  
by Renna Massey

Bob and Jane Bryan  
by John and Susan Daniel and Kedar and Flo Bryan

Dowd Maye  
by Larry and Diane Maye

Mark Burud  
by Gretchen Burud Bottrill, Alec Burud and Gracie Burud

*Larry and Diane Maye* and Dowd Maye  
by Rolaine Vandenburg

George H. Chadwick, Jr.,  
Genevieve F. Ives and Horace B. Ives,  
Carolyn K. Ives, Martha H. Spruill and Rodman T. Spruill  
by the Bryan Ives and Frasier Ives families

John Moore  
by Jane Moore

Jackie Moorefield  
by Terri McNeill

Blennie and William Chambers and  
Mary Morris and William Spearman  
by Morris and Pattie Spearman

The Parents  
of Bill and Norene Hart

Robert A. Eubank  
by his family

Charlie Patterson  
by Betty Patterson

*First Presbyterian Church's ministers and staff*  
by Vicki Sutton

*Michael Hendrix Perry and Margaret Katherine Perry*  
by John and Kelly Perry

Davis Christian Flohr  
by the Flohr family

Lowry and Margaret Pressly  
by Sara Pressly

Bessie Ozell Gammage  
by Jennifer Gammage

The Reverend Robert, Susan Hill and Julie Rayburn  
by Rolaine Vandenburg

William W. Halligan, Jr.  
by the Mike and Katie James family

*The Sanctuary Choir*  
by Warren and Caryn Overbey

Bernard Hargadon  
by Jill Dinwiddie

David Sidbury  
by Debbie Sidbury

Robert and Nancy James  
by the Mike and Katie James family

Belle and Douglas Sutton  
by Vicki Sutton

Jack Lomax  
by John and Jane Lomax

**We are glad you are  
with us today!**

We welcome all to  
First Presbyterian Church  
as we worship together,  
knowing that each of us is a  
beloved part of the body of  
Christ.

## **Our Pastors**

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**Are you interested in joining  
our church?**

Contact Jane Ives

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### **Pastor on call**

If you have a pastoral emergency  
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## **Announcements for First Presbyterian Church**

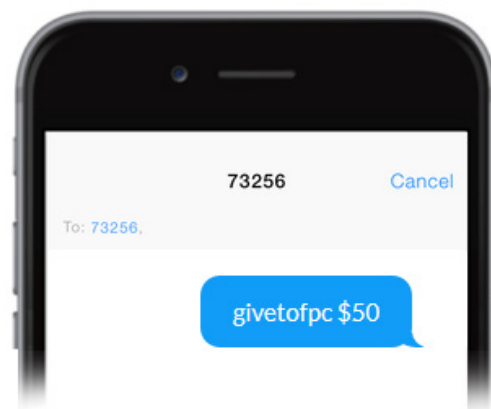
### **Church Office Closings**

- Thursday, December 24 through Monday, December 28, 2020
- Noon on Thursday, December 31 through January 1, 2021

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**TEXT GIVING** – You can quickly donate to the church through TEXT GIVING. See the example below.

- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
- You will receive an email receipt of payment.



## **Announcements for First United Presbyterian Church**

FUPC members, please be sure to check your email daily for updates to our weekly schedule.

For the foreseeable future, First United Presbyterian Church will not have in-person worship due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. We have also suspended all other programs and activities at the church.

**The church will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1, 2021.**

**Bible Exploration is on break until January 6, 2021.**

**Donations can be made** via the website at [fupcc.org](http://fupcc.org). Just click the “Give Now” button. Donations can also be mailed to First United Presbyterian Church, 406 North College Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202.