

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty? Let sin depart, while we His grace and glory see in Jesus' face; for so shall we sure comforts find when thus this day we bear in mind.

Choral Introit:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God"

God Calls His People into Worship

Isaiah 57:14-15 (p. 578)

*God's People Respond in Praise

Hymn 441

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*Prayer of Adoration

God's People Confess Their Faith: WSC No. 27

Q. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

God Calls His People to Repentance

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:3-8)

God's People Confess Their Sin

Our Father and our God, You are our King: justice and righteousness are the foundation of Your throne, yet You are rich in mercy and grace: steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. We confess to You that we deserve all the miseries we have endured and more because we are sinners. Because of Your grace You have spared us from what we deserve. You subjected Your beloved Son to the worst humiliations and miseries of this life so that we could be adopted into Your house and family and call on You as Father. Yet in spite of Your

great kindness to us, we continue to sin. We strive not to make a habit of it, yet all too often we look more like the world than we do our Saviour. Please forgive us, pardon us, and enable us to rejoice at godliness and hate our sin. Please forgive us for not valuing the humiliation Christ endured for our sakes. Grant us power to turn from our sin to die more to sin and live more to righteousness every day for Jesus' sake.

God Declares the Good News of Our Forgiveness in Christ

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. (Zephaniah 3:14-15)

*God's People Praise Him for Forgiveness in Christ

Hymn 221

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Missionary Moment: Marcus Hulsey (Northwest Georgia YoungLife)

God's People Respond by the Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Matthew 6:19-21, 24)

Choral Offertory: "Silent Night"

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares Upon Him

And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. (Matthew 6:7-8)

*Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10, John 12:27-32 (p.539, 845)

God Feeds His People through His Word

Rev. Ryan Biese

"The Reign of the Prince of Peace"

*Hymn of Response

Hymn 196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Benediction

Ministry Opportunities for Everyone

- Children / Youth Ministry
- Greeters
- Intercessory Prayer
- Local Outreach
- Men's Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Missions Work
- Nursery
- Scouting Programs
- Visitation
- Women in the Church

I am interested in...

- Becoming a Christian
- Joining this Church
- Family Activities
- Joining a Bible Study
- Other Interests:

Comments or Questions

Request Sermons on CD

Name: _____

Date(s): _____

Special Needs

- I want to speak with the Pastor.
- I want to know more about this Church.

Prayer Requests

Thank You For Visiting!

December 16, 2018

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
It is important for us to get to know you.
Please fill out this form (both sides) and
drop it in the offering plate. Also be
sure to mark any items about which you
would like more information.

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Email address: _____

Status (circle)

Single Married Student

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Are you...

- New to the community
 - Looking for a new church home
 - First Time Visitor
 - Second-Time or More Visitor
 - Out-of-town Visitor
 - Member of another church
 - Church Name _____
 - City/State _____
- How did you learn about our church?**
- Friend Newspaper
 - Website Church Sign
 - Mail Yellow Pages
 - Other _____

Today

10:45 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 19

9-10 AM Ladies Prayer Group
6-7 PM Supper Club
7-8:30 PM Community Caroling and Christmas Greeting. Singers needed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***This Lord's Day evening** we begin our series in evening worship on some of the favorite hymns of Christ's incarnation. This week we will meditate on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." Please close the Lord's Day with us at 6:00 p.m.

***There will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.** Please consider adding this service to your holiday schedule and inviting a friend as well!

Please note the schedule changes for the last two Sundays of 2019. Our normal schedule will resume January 6, 2019.

Revised Lord's Day Schedule Dec. 23 and Dec. 30:

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Carols in the Fellowship Hall
10:35 a.m. Session Meeting in the Old Chaplain's Office
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Nursery Schedule

	Today:	December 23, 2018
AM Worship	Sarah Wilson	Aubrey Tuggle
	Caroline Ellis	Annie Wilson

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SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

9:30 AM—Coffee and Fellowship
9:45 AM—Sunday School
10:45AM—Morning Worship
6:00 PM—Evening Worship

Pastor: Ryan Biese, Email: rbiese@gmail.com

Elders: David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, and Will Davis

Deacons: Wade Brumley, Bob Keller, Mike Wilson, and Lance Wood

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I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
(Psalm 9:1-2)