

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

The only haven of safety is in the mercy of God, as manifested in Christ, in whom every part of our salvation is complete. As all mankind are, in the sight of God, lost sinners, we hold that Christ is their only righteousness, since, by His obedience, He has wiped off our transgressions; by His sacrifice, He has appeased divine anger; by His blood, washed away our sins; by His cross, borne our curse; and by His death made satisfaction for us. (John Calvin)

Choral Introit: Breath of Heaven

God Calls His People into Worship

Psalm 124:8 (p. 485)

***God's People Respond in Praise**

Hymn 343

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

***Prayer of Adoration**

God's People Confess Their Faith: WLC No. 76

Q. What is Repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, worked in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, in which the sinner, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and offensiveness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

God Calls His People to Repentance

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:12-14)

God's People Confess Their Sin

O Lord our God and Heavenly Father, we confess to You our sins. We have been filled with worry and anxiety in this season. We have allowed the joy and light of Christ's incarnation for us to be eclipsed in our hearts and minds with other matters. We have been like Martha, anxious and troubled by many things, but neglecting the good portion. We have failed to rest in Christ. More than that, though we purpose and endeavor to walk in new obedience

constantly, we do not! And our endeavors are too often weak and half-hearted at best. Please forgive us. Send Your Spirit on us afresh so that we may rightly and powerfully take hold of Your grace so that we delight in new obedience, hate sin, and rest in Christ's finished work in our place.

Silent Prayer

God Declares the Good News of Our Forgiveness in Christ

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:12-14)

***God's People Praise Him for Forgiveness in Christ**

Hymn 230

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

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

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Offertory

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares Upon Him

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

***Hymn of Preparation**

Hymn 197

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11, Matt. 3:1-10 (pp.561, 758)

God Feeds His People through His Word

Rev. Ryan Biese

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

***Hymn of Response**

Hymn 218

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

***Benediction**

*Please stand if you are able

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 23, 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

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 26

NO Midweek Activities

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 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming." 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 2018.

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

	<u>Today:</u>	<u>December 30, 2018</u>
AM Worship	Aubrey Tuggle Annie Wilson	Sherma Halpin Emma Wood

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SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

9:30 AM—Coffee and Fellowship

9:45 AM— Sunday School

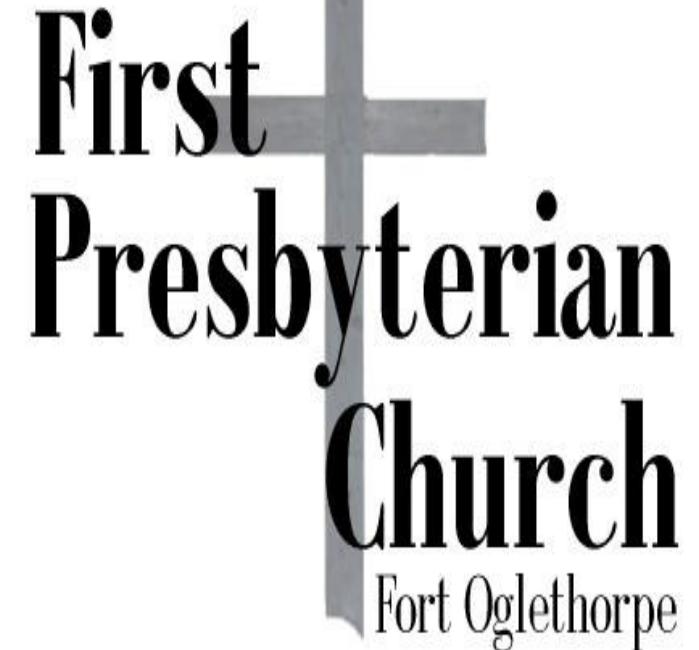
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6:00 PM—Evening Worship

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

Elders: David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, and Wil Davis

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



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Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD
endures forever.

Praise the LORD! (Psalm 117)