

# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 30, 2018

## Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

O God, You pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts so that we may worship You in spirit and truth with steady minds and burning zeal Amen.

## God Calls His People into Worship

Psalm 108 (p. 475)

## \*God's People Respond in Praise

Hymn 207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

## \*Prayer of Adoration

## God's People Confess Their Faith: Belgic Confession Article 18

We confess that God fulfilled the promise which He had made to the early fathers by the mouth of His holy prophets when He sent His only and eternal Son into the world at the time set by Him. The Son took the "form of a servant" and was made in the "likeness of man," truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation. And He not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order that He might be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body He had to assume them both to save them both together.

## God Calls His People to Repentance

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1–6)

## God's People Confess Their Sin

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, remove our shame, and empower us to live in Your light of Your face and walk in new obedience to Your Law, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## God Declares the Good News of Our Forgiveness in Christ

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26–28)

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

Hymn 501

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth. (Psalm 96:8-9)

## Offertory

## God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares Upon Him

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24),

## \*Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 693

"Blessed Assurance"

## Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9, Matthew 21:1-11 (pp. 748, 775)

## God Feeds His People through His Word

Rev. Ryan Biese

"The King Comes and Returns"

## \*Hymn of Response

Hymn 439

"Christ Shall Have Dominion" (Psalm 72)

## \*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:

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### *Comments or Questions*

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### *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*

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### Thank You For Visiting!

December 30, 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, January 2

6-7 PM Supper Club

7-8 PM WIC Meeting, Man Night and Youth Group

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*This Lord's Day evening** we continue our series in evening worship on some of the favorite hymns of Christ's incarnation. This week we will meditate on "Joy to the World." Please close the Lord's Day with us at 6:00 p.m.

**\*NEXT Lord's Day-** We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. At the close of the service we will also be taking a **Deacons Fund Offering**; this fund serves needy families in our church and community and also supports Christian missionaries within this country. We will also have our monthly **Fellowship Meal**. *Everyone is welcome!*

**\*Next Lord's Day** we resume Sunday School with Gathering & Prayer at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

**\*Congregational Meeting** to consider Budget is January 13 after worship.

#### Nursery Schedule

AM Worship	<u>Today:</u> Sherma Halpin Emma Wood	<u>January 6, 2019</u> Mary Lou Wislon Susanna 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: rfbiese@gmail.com

**Elders:** David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, and Wil Davis

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



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom He has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
(Psalm 107:1–3)