

10:30 Worship

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/Announcements/  
Prelude

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Ceremony

*"We light the Advent Candles" Hymnal #175:5 (Choir)*

- 5. Four candles burning brightly announce that Christ has come, Prepare my heart, believe it, and give the Christ child room.

(The candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY are lit;  
Then the candle of **LOVE.**)

**Meditation** – Rick and Frances Harrell

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

The time is now come when we worship God in spirit and in truth.

**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...**

All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

**When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.**

By His wounds we are healed, in Him we are forgiven.

**Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

**Let us worship God!**

Prayers of the People (see list below)  
and The Lord's Prayer

\*Recognition of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology  
only)

\*Prayer

Hymnal #34 (Choir)

We are pleased to present a special program with our Chancel Choir and our youth. The readers will be:

Caroline Edmunds  
Maelyn Freshour  
Michaela Freshour

Logan Chappell  
Matthew Freshour  
Brittany Hazelwood

**A Musical Christmas Story**

Reader  
Choir: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymnal #153  
Reader  
Choir: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymnal # 180 v. 1  
Reader:  
Choir: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymnal # 180 v. 2-4  
Reader:  
Choir: "Away In A Manger" Hymnal # 203  
Reader:  
Choir: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Hymnal # 221  
Reader:  
Choir: "The First Noel" Hymnal # 229 v. 1,2 & 4  
Reader:  
Choir: "O Come All Ye Faithful" Hymnal # 182  
Reader:  
Choir: "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Hymnal # 191 v. 1  
Choir: "Angels We Have Heard On Hight" Hymnal # 188  
Reader:  
Choir: "Listen To The Silence of Night" Cantata  
Reader:  
Choir: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal # 185  
Reader:  
Choir: "Joy To The World" Hymnal # 179  
Reader:  
Choir: "Once Upon A Tree" Cantata  
Reader:  
Choir: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" Hymnal # 198

WE CARRY THE MESSAGE OUT TO THE WORLD

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

Ushers will dismiss by row, please maintain social distanced

\*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers  
Shut-in/not attending: Ginny Troy

AA

- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Listening devices** are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

**Ushers** – serving today: Mike Freshour at the North door and Michaela Freshour\* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Maddie Freshour. Audio: Colter Wickemeyer.

**Children's Church and Nursery:** These continue to be temporarily suspended.

This Week's Announcements

**Virtual Poinsettia Ministry** – Each year we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettia flowers, and folks are given the opportunity to donate them in honor, or in memory, of loved ones. The cost this year is \$25 per poinsettia. Dollars above the actual cost will be used to help buy wreaths and garlands for outside the church and the rest will be given to a local charity. See enclosed form. So far we have collected \$525. See insert for order form and those who have been honored or memorialized with a poinsettia.

**Special Christmas Service** – Today we will have a Special Christmas service. There will be more Christmas songs, along with readings from our youth. We celebrate the reason for the season!

**5 Cents-a-Meal** – Today we will collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program.

**Christmas Eve** – We will hold a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm this Thursday, December 24.

**Stewardship** – Please pray about your stewardship, and recognizing God's blessings in your life. Know how important you are, and realize that without your help and support we cannot function; we need each and every member. So far, we have received pledges totaling 56.6% of the budget for 2021. Thanks for those who have turned in their pledge cards. If you have not returned your pledge card, please get them into the office as soon as possible.

**Upper Rooms** – January/February issue now available at both entrances as well as the foyer, pick one up as you enter/leave church, or stop by during the week, while supplies last.

**Good Samaritan** – Please consider helping the Good Samaritan this Fall, and Winter with necessary food and clothing items. They are always in need of canned meats (proteins) such as: Tuna, corned beef hash, peanut butter, chicken, Spam, etc. They have also requested clothing items. With winter here, many need additional warm clothing. Financial donations are always accepted, mark checks and/or envelope accordingly.

**Stephen Ministry** – Please pray for our Stephen Ministers, reach out to the church office for more information.

**Newsletter** – We are gathering information for the January newsletter. If anyone

In loving memory of Julia Baskervill – Julia sent a note, days before her passing, to be added into the bulletin, and we want to honor her request: “To the glory of God and to my church family – Best wishes for a joyous, happy, and healthy holiday season and new year. With love to all, Julia Baskervill.”

**New Church Service Time** – Worship will return to 11:00 am on Sunday mornings beginning January 3. Sunday School for youth and adults will be 10:00 am.

**Men of the Church** – The men will not meet together until January 7th. Enjoy the holidays and time with family.

**Church Staff**

Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor  
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician  
 Doris Koch, Church Treasurer  
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton  
 Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

**Session**

Rev. Glenn Coleman - Moderator

**Class of 2020**

Linda Lumsden  
 Donald Cherry  
 Sandi Hughes, Clerk

**Class of 2021**

Carol Foster  
 Carter Henderson  
 Mike Koch

**Class 2022**

Mike Freshour  
 Robert Guthrie  
 Mike Rand

**Diaconate**

Diane Greene, Chairman

**Class of 2020**

Kelly Chappell  
 Diane Greene  
 Sue Wilkins

**Class of 2021**

Joanna Hughes  
 Paige Powell  
 Terri Smith

**Class of 2022**

Michaela Freshour  
 Lorene Gilliam  
 Pattie Grubbs

**Trustees**

Richard Harrell III  
 (2020)

Michael M. Rand  
 (2021)

Leon Plaster  
 (2022)

**The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees**

Paige Powell  
 (2019)

Tee Godbold  
 (2021)

Terri Smith  
 (2022)

Calendar

**Sunday, December 20** 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Youth Sunday School  
 10:30 am – Worship

**Tuesday, December 22** 12 noon – NA

**Wednesday, December 23** 12 noon – AA  
 No Choir tonight

**Thursday, December 24** Church office will be Closed  
 No Men of the Church  
 8:00 pm - AA

**Friday, December 25** Christmas Day - Church office closed



First Presbyterian Church is a  
 Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Our Missionaries**

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF  
 Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers  
 Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon  
 Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France  
 Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan  
 Students in Zambia

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Mission Statement

**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
 Christ Centered~Biblically Based~  
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love  
**Values**  
 Committed~Servant Heart~  
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.  
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.  
 Worship every Sunday 10:30 am;  
 Sunday School 9:30 am every Sunday  
 Youth Sunday School 10:00 am every Sunday

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