

Morning Worship—December 29th, 2019

1st Sunday of Christmas

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prelude Adeste Fideles” arr. Rick Deasley

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

People: May the word of Christ dwell richly within us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 46** “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

People: The grace of God has appeared, bring salvation to all.

***GLORIA PATRI (579)** GREATOR EX, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Tom Gillespie
(children exit for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, let the light of your Holy Spirit shine upon your word and our lives this morning. May your word find purchase within our hearts and grow to bear fruit in the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON (530/559) Isaiah 63:7-9

ANTHEM “What Child Is This” by William Chatterton Dix

GOSPEL LESSON (682/718) Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON “The Dark Edge of Christmas” Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles’ Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 57** “The Snow Lay on the Ground”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” arr. Marilynn Ham

***Doxology 591** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 40** “Joy to the World!”
(children return from Sunday School)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 41**, 2nd stanza “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

POSTLUDE “Mendelssohn” arr. Rick Deasley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Whitney Bracey (N. Bracey sister-in-law), Bill Brown, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Carroll Garrett, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Ray Hayes, Sister Jones (P. Brandon), Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Ronnie Mathena, Patrick Martin (H. Beale), Carolyn Miles, Tony Parker (W. Barrow’s father), Dick Stoakley, Debra Bolt Thompson, Hampton Wilkins, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

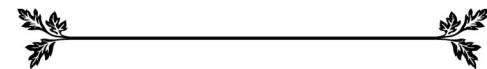
The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee. Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris

Our church office will be closed on Wednesday January 1st for New Year’s Day.
We will install new officers on Sunday January 5th. We will have a called session meeting on Sunday January 12th. The Confirmation/Communicant class will be received on Sunday January 12th.

We received \$400.19 in our Joy offering last week. The Christmas Joy offering supports the PC USA assistance program of the Board of Pensions.

SERVING TODAY	
Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Combined Sunday School	Music
Elders at Front Door	J. Perez
Security & Side Door	C. B. Strange
Visitation	K. Meadows
Deacon to Receive Offering	K. Dolianitis
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	G. Gunn
Time for Young Disciples	T. Gillespie
Sound System	D. Parris
Ushers	Youth
Flower Ministry	Elders
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 4th	K. Meadows/G. Wimer
Saturday Lunch Attendance 12/21	30



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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN



Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/**Gr 3-5**/Rm 306/various instructors

Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 30
9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 1
Happy New Year
Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, January 2
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, January 3
All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 4
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, January 5
9:00 a.m. Worship Comm.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship