

# Our Mission

**To Know Christ and To Make Him Known**

## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
C.B.Strange	Sound
Maggie Weller	Liturgist
Kelly Gilson	Time for Young Disciples
David Clark	Security, side door and offering
Linda Copeland	Greeter

# First Presbyterian Church

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11 a.m.



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**Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

# A Service for the Worship of God

## GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

*As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.*

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *“Prelude on an American Carol”*                      J. Kirkpatrick

### INVOCATION

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year, in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation. Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope. Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and we place every day of this year in your care knowing that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with constant love.

And so Lord, we place ourselves into your keeping and dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year begun  
**O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice**

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future  
**O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**

We enter this new year with hope and excitement  
**O Lord, remind us that You lead us**  
**O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You.**  
**Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** website.

**HYMN**                      *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*                      **GTG#119**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>Tuesday (1/2)</b>	Handbells at 5 p.m. Property Committee meeting at 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday (1/3)</b>	No Wednesday Dinner
<b>Thursday (1/4)</b>	Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choir 5 p.m.
<b>Sunday (1/8)</b>	Communion Servers: Linda Copeland and Barry Cutright

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

As we enter this new year, let us pause to confess our old ways of sin and embrace each new opportunity Christ presents us. Let us confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Christ our Savior, you have empowered us to become children of God, but we doubt our power and our ability to create change. We excuse ourselves from necessary action citing priorities that are not yours. We deny the gifts and talents with which you have blessed us to embody love and work for justice. Forgive us. Merciful God. Remind us how much we have to offer. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

(Luke 6:37) “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with Advent blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

**RESPONSE**

*“Gloria Patri”*

*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. Amen.*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

May these gifts be blessed by your grace, O God, so that they may provide healing and hope. May we embody your Word as we move through this week, living justly, acting generously, speaking with truth, compassion and grace. Amen

**OFFERTORY**

*“Infant Holy”*

H.W. Thygerson

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ANTHEM**                      "The Work of Christmas"                      D. Forrest, text from H. Thurman

**SCRIPTURE**    Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-25

**SERMON**                      *“New Year, New Zeal”*                      Jackson Weller

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**HYMN**                      *“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”*                      **GTG#136**

***BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***                      *“In Dulci Jubilo”*                      arr. Diane Bish