

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
Eddie Blount	Sound
Jackson Weller	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, side door and offering
Joyce Perez	Greeter
Harriet Beale and Joan Reynolds	Sunday School
Wednesday Dinner	Team 3

First Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2022

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 worshipers 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.

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit *“Prepare Ye the Way of The Lord”* by Hal Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *“Come, True Light”*
Come, true light, come, life eternal,
Come, hidden mystery,
Come, nameless treasure, silent reality.
Come, person unfathomed,
Rejoicing without end,
Come, light that knows no ev’ning, no death.
Come, true light! Come, true light!
Come, true light! Come, true light!

Advent Lighting

First Person: This is the third Sunday of Advent. The light of these candles, flickering in the sanctuary, tells us of the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Person: He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him (John 1:11).

Third Person: But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God (John 1:12).

Fourth Person: The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20).

***Hymn** *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”* **GTG#104**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (12/11)	Angel Tree Gifts Returned Caroling at 2 p.m. Please meet at Sutherlin Avenue
Tuesday (12/13)	Bell Choir meets at 5 p.m.
Wednesday (12/14)	Youth Activities, Dinner at 6 p.m. (Team 3) Wednesday Night Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Advent Vespers
Thursday (12/15)	Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.
Saturday (12/17)	Men’s Breakfast at 8 a.m. Angel Tree Party at 1 p.m. Pastor’s Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP to pastor@fpcdanville.com

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Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Fowlkes
And Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Kirk by the family*

“Christmas Hymn” from Three Noels

By Clare Grundman

While by our sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain: How great our joy! How great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in Heav’n on high!

Praise we the Lord in Heav’n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say,

In Bethlehem a Child today.

(Refrain repeats)

Prayer of Confession

You call us to come and see, and then to go and tell. So often we are looking the other way—away from your image shining in the face of another, away from your people in need, away from the things we would rather not see. So often our words are not of grace, justice, love, and peace, but rather words of hurt, exclusion, and fear. Forgive us for praying for vision while holding our eyes closed. Forgive us for holding firmly to the logs in our own eyes even as you offer us lenses to see what you see. Forgive us for keeping silent, and for speaking our own desires rather than yours. Give us courage to witness your glory and testify to your good news. Give us grace to admit our shortcomings and still point to you. Give us strength to follow you, wherever you might lead.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: God’s love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

The Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with cupped hands filled with Advent blessings.

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

(Children through 4th Grade may leave for Sunday School)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayer for the Offering

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy,

And we give with joy.

Joy for all you have given us;

Joy because of your sacred promises.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them to spread your joy in our world. Amen.

Offertory & Doxology

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. C. Dobrinki

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

“Christmas Hymn”

from Three Noels C. Grundman

Scripture

John 1:35–51

Sermon

“Come and See”

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has come to us;

that God brought us into being,

that this God gave us breath and purpose,

that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,

that we have fallen short of this commandment

but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;

that God is not happy to leave us alone,

that this God will come to us as a particular human being,

that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,

that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,

that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us;

that God will have the final word and that the Word will be good,

that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,

that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,

that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,

and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God’s Word and sacraments.

Closing Hymn

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

GTG#100

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. R. E. Schram

(Please Remain Seated)

Benediction