

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CELEBRATING
OUR FIRST 200 YEARS OF MINISTRY
DECEMBER 4, 2022*



200TH ANNIVERSARY



CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
1822 - 1997



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4, 2022 – 10:30 AM
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!

Prelude "Appalachian Winter" Joseph M. Martin

Call to Worship "Where the Promise Shines" Dunstan/Moore

(Please join choir on refrain printed in bulletin)
Advent Lighting by Frankey Austin and Skip Parker

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where the Promise Shines

Words by SYLVIA G. DUNSTAN
Music by BOB MOORE

Congregation:

Lead us on, lead us on to a morn - ing where the
prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

Hymn 147 "The First Nowell"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in Your light.

We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry.

We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit.

**Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to Your Word,
so that we may be ready to welcome You with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of God's Grace

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“O Come Emmanuel”

William Held

Doxology

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Cantata

“Appalachian Winter”
A Cantata for Christmas

Joseph M. Martin

Narrator	The Rev. Steve Frazier
Piano	Edna Broadhurst
Flute	Amanda McCormick
Guitar, Trumpet, Banjo	John Hackworth
Soprano	Oralie Wilhite Nancy Frazier Nancy Mayo Sofia Calicchio Diane Griffin Kara McCormick
Alto	Gabrielle Goodrich Gail Pittman
Tenor	Todd Taylor Skip Baker-Smith
Bass	Michael Broadhurst Matthew Goodrich Raymond Rodrigues John Hackworth
Movements	“Appalachian Winter” “’Tis a Season for Singing” “Long Time Ago” “Hope and Expectation” “Carol of the Winter Wind” “Mountain Carol” “Gentle Carols of Bethlehem” “While the Shepherds Watched” “A Rustic Carol” “Children, Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymn 137

“Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude

“Christmas Fanfare”

Matthew McConnell

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

There is an urgent need for additional FPC volunteers to be on hand between 3:30-5:00 pm on Sundays. Most weeks, it simply requires someone willing to be on-site, greet the partner church volunteers who have prepared and will serve the meal, then locking up afterward (including the Courtyard). At least 1 (and often 3) FPC veterans are there each week, too. We're all in this together! Anyone interested in learning the (very minimal) ropes, please see Oralie Wilhite, Mary Ann Taylor or Sue Fay.

Week of December 4- Prayers of the People

- Mary Lemming
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Agnes McFadden
- Alice Simpson
- Karen Diggs
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Kathy Goolsby | 27 | Sean Taylor |
| 6 | Joyce Kallaher | 28 | Elizabeth Pond Gerlach |
| 12 | Jay James | 28 | Malakai Goodrich |
| 12 | Viki Goolsby | 28 | Riley Winkler |
| 18 | Michael Broadhurst | 30 | Kara McCormick |
| 20 | Bill Faas | 30 | Ian Taylor |
| 21 | Pat Sparks | | |
| 22 | Earl Griffin | | |
| 26 | Sarah Arambula | | |



Brrrrr, winter is on its way!
 We will be collecting **GLOVES, HATS, AND SCARVES** to distribute to our PLBC guests and others in need. Both women's and men's items are needed, especially large gloves for men. There will be a **collection box in the courtyard foyer** for the next several weeks.