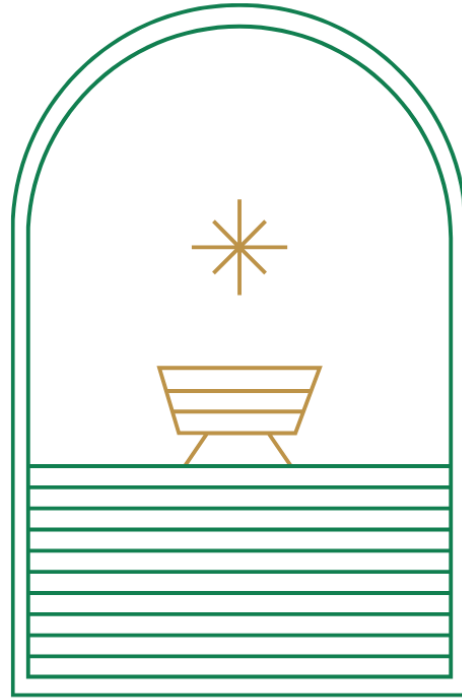


First Presbyterian Church

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And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

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A service of praise and worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day

December 15, 2024 ∞ 10:30 in the morning

Order of Worship

⌘-Please Stand

Preparation for Worship

"The LORD is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him." - Habakkuk 2:20

⌘ Call to Worship

Hebrews 1 (Responsive)

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

People: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Leader: "For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

People: But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

Leader: And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

All: Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

⌘ Response of Praise in Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Trinity Hymnal #203

⌘ Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer

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.

⌘ Worship in Song

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Trinity Hymnal #211

What Child Is This?

Trinity Hymnal #213

Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before you and we confess that we've too often forgotten that we're yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds, open hearts, and obedient steps, that we might shine with your light in the darkness of our world. Remind us to be who you'd have us to be each day of the coming week, regardless of what we're doing or who we're with. Lord Jesus, hold us in the palm of your hand and strengthen our relationship with you and with those you've given us on earth; in your worthy name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

⌘ Advent Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:4,11-16

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

Offertory Song

O Holy Night

By the Music Team

⌘ The Doxology

The word "doxology," coined in the 17th century, is a combination of the words "glory" and "word." A doxology is a "word of glory," a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three Persons.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

SONGS OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

III. The Angels' Song: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Luke 2:1-20

⌘ Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Trinity Hymnal #214

⌘ Benediction

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Stephen Mullis

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
Wed.		Happy Birthday Pastor Bill!!	
Thurs.	6:30 am	Front Porch Society	@ the Hardens'x



Events

Prayer Meeting | Sun. Dec. 15th at 5:30 pm is this month's prayer meeting & fellowship meal.

6th-12th Grade Guys Event | Rescheduled to January 4th at Hoppers Paintball - 1579 Grove Point Rd., Savannah.

Area Churches' Christmas Eve Services | As we will not be having a Christmas Eve service, please feel free to join with one of our sister churches:

5pm at Grace • 6901 Concord Rd, Savannah
5pm at the Kirk • 3212 Bee Rd, Savannah
5:30 pm at Independent • 207 Bull St, Savannah

Starting Back in January

Sunday School is on break from Dec. 22, Dec. 29, & Jan. 5.

LIFE Groups will resume Jan. 12.

Men's Study | The men's study will resume on **January 10th at 8 am**, at church or via Zoom. Email Bill if you would like the Zoom link.

Women's Study | **Wed. evenings from 6:30-8, beginning January 15th**, the women will be studying the book of James, using the book *Steadfast* by Courtney Doctor. Books are available in the Women's Classroom.

Ministry Opportunities

Volunteers needed | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities, including nursery helpers, after-worship snack providers, and ushers. Please contact Crystal Twibell to find out how you can help. crystal@firstprespooler.com

Sermon Notes

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Luke 2:1-20

I. The Glory of God Revealed at Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest"

- **The Glory of His Majesty**
 - The outshining of heaven's _____ (v. 9)
 - The awesomeness of heaven's _____ (v. 13)
- **The Glory of His Meekness**
 - The modesty of the _____ (vv. 2,7)
 - The lowliness of the _____ (vv. 8-9)
 - The gentleness of the _____ (v. 12)
- **The Glory of His Message**
 - The news is _____! (v. 10)
 - The tone is _____! (v. 10)
 - The reach is _____! (v. 10)
 - The gift is _____! (v. 11)

II. The Peace of God Given at Christmas

"And on earth peace ..."

- **Peace with** _____ (Rom 5:1-3)
- **Peace** _____ (Phil 4:6-7)
- **Peace with** _____ (Eph 2:14-17)

III. The Son of God Received by Faith

"Peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

- **Believing the** _____ (v. 15)
- **Coming to the** _____ (v. 16)
- **Spreading the** _____ (v. 17)