



# Hope is born

CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 25, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.



Throughout the season of Christmas we give thanks that, in the fullness of time, God's Word became flesh to live among us, full of grace and truth. Like Easter, Christmas refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Christmas spans the twelve days between the Nativity of the Lord (December 25th) and the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6th).

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As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

\* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,  
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY Kathryn Goodson  
*Improvisatory Fantasia on Carol of the Bells & I Wonder as I Wander*

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE  
*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
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\* CALL TO WORSHIP  
Here we are, Lord;  
We are not many  
Nor are we very wise  
Or powerful  
Nor rich by the standards of the world,  
**But we do come singing praises**  
**On this special day,**  
**Because of what you have done.**

On this day  
We remember your promises  
That you will never leave us  
Nor forsake us  
That you would show your love  
for us in a very special way  
**That you would always let us know**  
**that you love us despite all our fears.**

On this day we joyfully remember you  
Creeping in very quietly  
And very vulnerably  
Among us  
In Jesus Christ, born of Mary.  
Born to be with us  
**Born to love us,**  
Born to save us  
**Born to free us.**

Help us to come to you now.  
Help us to come to your birthplace  
And your birthday.  
Help us to let you enter our lives.  
**Speak your words of power and peace in our hearts**  
**And change us, once again.**

\* HYMN 133                      *O Come All Ye Faithful*                      ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING                      John 1:1-14  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES  
*Please join in singing Hymn 119 (stanza 1), Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, as the children come forward. Children are invited to bring their toys with them to the front.*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

RESPONDING

\* HYMN 136                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                      GO TELL IT

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**                      *Pastoral Symphony from Messiah*                      G.F. Handel

\* **Doxology**                      GREENSLEEVES  
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, A Baby is Born,** is found on page 190.

The musical transition following the first scripture reading invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused towards them.

**Ways to give:**  
**Cash/Check**  
Place in the offering plate or in the mail  
**Text-to-Give**  
Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523  
**Online**  
<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>  
**Vanco Mobile App**



Please sign and pass the **Friendship Pad**. First-time-guests, we especially appreciate your contact information, legibly written, so we can give you a fuller welcome this week.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE 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.

SENDING

\* HYMN 134 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Gian Carlo Menotti  
Dance of the Shepherds from Amahl and the Night Visitors



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# Welcome

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## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

## FIRST-TIME VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship or use this QR code to sign our online Friendship Pad.

If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside the Sanctuary in a basket. Wearing this button helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome.



ONLINE  
FRIENDSHIP PAD

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Lounge after the service.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Hannah Lundberg	David Prentice-Hyers	Paul Smith (captain)
<i>Liturgists</i>	<i>Pianist</i>	Beth Gerwig
Beca Torres-Davenport	Kathryn Goodson	Beth Sanderford
Jay Sanderford	<i>Greeter</i>	Carol Smith
Melissa Anne Rogers	Catherine Kendall	Angela Yang
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Welcome Center</i>	
Catherine Kendall	Barbara Mueller	

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

For decades, First’s Christmas offering has helped individuals and families in need in our community. This year we continue this tradition of supporting local mission partners Alpha House, SOS Community Service, and Shelter Association-Delonis Center. Join us in extending housing and support services to those in need as a signpost of God’s great welcome to each and everyone of us.



# Announcements

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Year-End Giving** — We are grateful for the generous gifts made to First Pres that help us fulfill our mission of Making God’s Love Visible. Below are guidelines and information you may find helpful for year-end giving:

**Cash and check contributions** can be mailed, placed in the plate at any service, or hand-delivered to the finance office. A contribution must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, in order for it to be considered a 2022 tax deduction. Contributions Envelopes, for those who requested them, will be available outside the Finance Office through December 27. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed on December 28.

**Stock transfers and IRA/DAF contributions** must be received in the church’s account by December 30, 2022. It is important to initiate the transfer early enough to allow for any year-end delay in transfers being completed. To obtain transfer information and notify the church of your gift, please contact Anna Miller at 734-662-4466 or [amiller@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:amiller@firstpresbyterian.org).

Please know that your gifts in support of the mission and ministries of First Pres are appreciated.

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## MISSION

**December Food Collection** — Each month we collect food donations and special financial contributions to support a local hunger ministry partner. This month our partner is Food Gatherers. Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

**Rotating Shelter at First Pres January 2 - 16, 2023**—For two weeks, our church will become the overnight home for up to 20 men who have housing challenges. Volunteer opportunities are available to host, donate food or clothing, and drive men to breakfast. Sign up now to volunteer: [bit.ly/FPC\\_RotatingShelter](https://bit.ly/FPC_RotatingShelter). Questions: Contact Jim Peggs (734-646-9412) or Marcey Terrien (480-833-7019).

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE


**Sandy Talbott Speaker Series**—Join us for the inaugural Sandy Talbott Speaker Series this January and February 2023. Created in honor of former Parish Nurse Sandy Talbott (2012-2020), this annual series will feature health and wellness speakers who focus on topics to help us deepen our understanding of the intersection of faith and physical and mental health and wellness. Our speaker on January 9, will be Scott Roberts, PhD, who will present “Dementia and Brain Health” at 7 p.m. in Monteith Hall.



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