

First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall Service | December 31, 2017
New Year's Eve

GATHERING SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 95:1-2*

Leader: To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, the Healer of the weak, the Defender of the guilty, the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners. Welcome.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Joy to the World”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the

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world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

OFFERING

“All Glory Be to Christ”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

CATECHISM

Leader: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

People: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

All: For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

(Ephesians 5:5–6)

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*Children’s church for kids 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time.
Leaders will meet the children just outside the Fellowship Hall and walk them to the*

PreK-K room or parents may walk them back.

SCRIPTURE READING *from 2 Kings 17:1-8*

SERMON

“How Assyria Saved You: A Christmas Sermon”
Pastor Travis Hutchinson
Chaplain, Chattanooga Christian School

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

THE BENEDICTION