

First Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Prelude

Judy Glass, Organ
"Once He Came in Blessing" by Bohemian Brethren

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh.
—Romans 1:1-3

Judy Glass, and Sigrid Luther
* Adult Choir

"How Great Our Joy!" arr. by Ronn Huff

†Sung Call to Worship

No. 208(vv. 1,3,4)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

†Prayer of Adoration

Mike Haberkorn

†Hymns

No. 230 (vv. 1-3)
"Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor"
No. 213 (vv. 1-3)
"What Child Is This?"

Affirmation of Faith *(To be read responsively)*

Mike Haberkorn

New City Catechism Q&A #14

Leader: Did God create us unable to keep His law?

People: No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

All: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. — Romans 5:12

Public Confession of Sin *(To be read in unison)*

Mike Haberkorn

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Private Confession of Sin

Prayer of Assurance & for Christ's People

Rev. Tim Tinsley

Offertory

Lisa Woodruff

"There's No Other Name Like Jesus" by Franklin E. Belden

There's no other name like Jesus; 'tis the dearest name we know,
'Tis the angel's joy in heaven, 'tis the Christian's joy below.

Chorus:

Sweet name, dear name, there's no other name like Jesus;

Sweet name, dear name, there's no other name like Jesus.

There's no other name like Jesus when the heart with grief is sad;
There's no other name like Jesus when the heart is free and glad.

Chorus

'Tis the hope that I shall see Him when in glory He appears,

'Tis the hope to hear His welcome that my fainting spirit cheers.

Chorus

†Greeting of Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

†Gloria Patri

No. 734

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.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

†Scripture Reading

Rolen Family
*Cate Family

Isaiah 9:1-7 (pg. 573 in pew Bible)

Leader: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Father, Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of David. Help us, in preparing to celebrate His birth, to cultivate our hearts to make us willing and able to declare our hope in You to the world. Help us this morning and every day to worship You, to hear Your Word, and to obey Your will by sharing our hope in Christ with others. We ask this in the name of the One who is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, none other than our Redeemer and King Jesus, Amen.

Dismissal of Children

**Children's church for 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time in the PreK-K room. Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary.*

Sermon

Rev. Tim Tinsley
"What Child Is This?"

†Closing Hymn

No. 208 (vs. 4)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

†The Benediction

Rev. Tim Tinsley

Postlude

Judy Glass, Organ
"Prepare the Royal Highway" Swedish folk tune

†The Congregation will please stand.
*10:55 service

The flowers today are given to glorify God and in loving memory of our precious Ms. Nancy, who went to heaven two years ago. From Mom and Dad; Betty and Larry Jones. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered today following the late worship service by the Acts of the Apostles Sunday School class. All volunteers are welcome.)

Announcements are available at the entrances or www.FPCChatt.com.

Sermon Notes:

Does the craziness of the holiday seem to sweep you away? Do you sit there on December 25th and say, “Wait. Did we even talk about Jesus the last 24 days?”. Do Santa, gifts and parties cloud over the real stuff you want to focus on?

Many Christians feel this way but desire to focus on the reason for the season, the coming of King Jesus.

That’s what Advent is all about. The word, “advent” means the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. When we talk about this Christmas season of Advent, we’re referring to the arrival of Jesus Christ.

Throughout church history, the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas Day have been referred to as Advent. It’s become a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for Christmas Day during which we celebrate the arrival of King Jesus. The hope is that by Christmas Day, our hearts will be able to joyfully say, “Jesus is the greatest gift!” after having meditated on Jesus in the Scriptures during Advent.

This Week at FPCC**Sunday, December 3**

8:30 AM	Early Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday School	
10:55 AM	Fellowship Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	Late Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Coffee/Coke Fellowship	Library/Lounge
	Flower Arranging/Delivery	Nell Davis
4:00 PM	Christmas Concert	Sanctuary

Monday, December 4

10:00 AM	Women’s Prayer Time	Session Room
11:00 AM	Bible Leader’s Meeting	Tower 404
7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
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Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM	M.O.P.S.	Nell Davis
3:15 PM	English Conversation Class	Student Center
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call Appts.	Deacon Office
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 404
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship Meal	Nell Davis
6:15 PM	Rapha Fellowship Classes	3rd Flr Tower

Thursday, December 7

10:00 AM	Christmas Cakes	Connector
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Friday, December 8

12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 10 th Floor
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Saturday, December 9

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