

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 30, 2018

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet to prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Servant of the Month

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

"Carol Medley"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Robert J. Hughes
Acolyte: Shelby Mayhew

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader: Janie Emerson

"When God spoke to Joseph in a dream, Joseph was told not to fear taking Mary to be his wife," in spite of the unusual circumstances. Mary was to have a son, and Joseph was to name him "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." We think about many things at Christmas time: making lists, shopping and baking. But let us remember this morning what the coming of Christmas is primarily about!

† OPENING HYMN

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

#258

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God: We don't commonly like to think of ourselves as "sinners." After all, we're basically good people, once you get to know us, aren't we? Now the people on the other side of the political fence, did you just hear what MSNBC reported? Our was it Fox News? Why is it someone has to die before we remember the importance of bipartisanship? If no one is willing to accept responsibility for sinfulness, and climate change, and the lostness which leads to despair, and eventually, crime, let us who seek to be Christ's followers remember Romans 3:23: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". And let us humbly get in the short line and say "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* Thankfully we come to worship Christ, who came to save us from our sins. That may not be at the top of what we thought we wanted for Christmas. But it's certainly what we need! Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Leader: "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (By grace you have been saved.)". Ephesians 2:4-5)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hallelujah"

Steve Younce

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor David Layman

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School following the children's message and Prayer)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Please keep your joys and concerns brief and to the point.

This is time for prayer, not announcements.)

OFFERING

Offertory *"There's a Song in the Air"* Dorothy Wells
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

#267

MESSAGE

"The Forgotten Fact of Christmas"

Pastor David Layman

Matthew 1:18-25

† CLOSING HYMN

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

#273

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sages from Afar"

George Blake

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* (Please sign and date the red pad and pass it to your neighbor. Be sure to silence your cell phones.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pastor Eric, having surgery on January 3, 2019.

Mary Castor, recuperating at home.

Jan McConnell, recuperating at home after a bad fall.

Brenda Fickle, upon the death of her father, Glenn Christian.

Bob Wesley, recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Bill Linville, having tests for medical issues.



SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

FPC NOVEMBER INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

Income: \$245,798.60
 Expense: \$250,682.93
 Diff: \$ (4,884.33)

WINTER/EARLY SPRING COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Winter/Early Spring Communication Update that will be available the next couple of Sundays. There are lots of activities to add to your personal calendar from January through April. You may also view it here: <https://www.fpc-noblesville.org/communication-updates/> We hope you will participate as often as possible!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

As of December 16th we've raised **\$144,346.76!** We now have \$19,925, in the reserve account to start saving for the additional repairs needed to the for the tower. **The estimated cost of tuck pointing the tower is \$50,000 so we have \$30,075 to raise.** Thank you for your gifts. Work on the exterior of the building will begin again in the spring.

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2019 giving envelopes are now available on the table in Fellowship Hall. No numbers have been assigned so just grab one.

YEAR END GIVING REMINDER

As the end of 2018 quickly approaches, the deadline for getting in those last minute tax write-offs also looms near. If you would like to make a year-end contribution to the FPC Operating Fund or to the Capital Campaign (to complete the tuck pointing on the bell tower), be sure your contribution arrives at the church by December 31, 2018 or is postmarked by that same date. We thank you all for your generosity in 2018! If you have questions please contact Robin Story. Her email is robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or leave her a voice message at church, 317-773-2383.

CHRIST IN THE ARTS

Mark your calendar for the third annual **Pipe Organ Concert Sunday, January 27th at 4pm.** Featured organists will be our own Nancy Wright along with Marko Petricic and the FPC chancel choir!

The Christ in the Arts Committee could use your help. If you are willing to bring cookies or a dessert for the reception, please sign up on Serve FPC. Also, we are looking for items to auction for our silent auction. If you have items that you are willing to donate, please contact Anne Kenley or Sue Jourdan. Thank you for your help with this event open to our community!

DECEMBER 30, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2019

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:45 am	Women's GBR
	7:00 pm	Adams Small Group
Thursday	8:00 am	Rotary
	6:00 pm	Choir Small Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Wuerch Small Group
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	6:30 pm	Bill Jourdan Bible Study

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HEAD USHER: DECEMBER	Brian Wuerch
SOUND SYSTEM:	Rick Mayhew
	1/6 Rick Mayhew
NURSERY:	Andrea
	1/6
RAINBOWS:	Anne/Tanner
	1/6 Lauren/Journey
SHOOTING STARS:	Anne/Tanner
	1/6 Casey/Journey
JR HIGH:	Karen
	1/6 No Sunday School
SR HIGH:	Karen
	1/6 No Sunday School
LAY LEADER:	Janie Emerson
	1/6 Brooke Lederman
ACOLYTES:	Shelby Mayhew
	1/6 Chloe & Aiden Snyder
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Brian Wuerch & Claudia MacRae
	1/6 David & Karen McCord



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

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ELDERS

Greg Borcharding	Finance
Nathan Roe	Properties
Trish Moore	Christian Education
Lee Ann Stein	Evangelism
Larry Grabb	Worship
Sue Jourdan	Mission
Karen McCord	Clerk
	Planning
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel/Nom.
Eric R. Gale	Moderator

DEACONS

Brian Wuerch, Moderator
Susan Clark
Jeanine Loomis
Claudia MacRae
Amanda Gore
Jan McConnell
Kelly McConnell
Bill Jourdan
Kristin Roe
Deb Wilson
Erin Wilson, youth
Jana Zeiler

