

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service of Lessons and Carols. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00AM and worship at 10:15AM.

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

Who We Are

"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father's love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.

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Poinsettias



The Memorial Committee thanks the following people who have generously given poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during this Advent season.

Name:

In Memory of:

Richard & Elaina Biechler

Judith, Richard's mother

Carvel Bloesch

My roommate, Rick Woods

The Boelk, Prine, and Wildermuth Families

Ken & Viola Boelk

Terri Gronau

Lisa Trackwell & Betty Gronau

Mike & Sherry Heer

Bob & Doris Walske

Jim & Charlotte Heer

Tom Jack

Jill Lee

Bradley & Linda Longfield

Henry Fawcett

Scott & Beth McCaw

Lowell McCaw

Tim & Victoria Slemmons

Our parents

Bill & Janet Spoerl

Our parents

Mark & Annalee Ward

Fred & Martha Van Heukelem



Name:

In Honor of:

John & Jamie Dillman

The Eby family, Jill Klinebriel, & Linda Longfield - for the amazing and beautiful gift of music they bless us with each week.

Bradley & Linda Longfield

*VeNita Fawcett
Our children*

Scott & Beth McCaw

Barbara McCaw

Mark & Deb Stant

John & Jeanne Armstrong, Brad & Linda Longfield, and Tim & Victoria Slemmons - Thank you for sharing God's love with our church family.

Leon & Betty Thompson

First Pres staff & volunteers

Mark & Annalee Ward

Dean & Betty Ward

Tracy Wildermuth

My family & church family

You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after worship on Dec. 29.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

5:30 PM



Gathering

Prelude

Selected carols—Hannah Eby, flute and Alex Eby, violin

For Silent Prayer and Reflection: *Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may kneel in worship of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Bradley Longfield

Lighting the Christ Candle

Beth, Scott, Bobby, Tim, and Eva McCaw

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of those who
bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns."

Opening Prayer

**Gathering Carol*
Hymn #183 “Once in Royal David’s City” *Irby*

Prophecies from Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2-7 *Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold* Hunter Brehm

Carol #154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*

Isaiah 11:1-9 *The peace that Christ will bring us is foreshown* Lindsey Ward

Carol #191 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” *Carol*

The Angel Gabriel visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38 *Mary is visited by the Angel Gabriel* Hannah Eby

**Carol* #169 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” *Gabriel’s Message*

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7 *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem* Stephen Longfield

Carol #180 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *St. Louis*

The Angels

Luke 2:8-14 *The angels proclaim the birth of a Savior* Sam Morales

** Carol* #188 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Gloria*

The Shepherds

Luke 2:15-20 *The shepherds hear the joyful news* Eva McCaw

Carol #218 “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” *Go, Tell It*

We Bring Our Gifts

Offering
Offertory “Away in a Manger” *arr. A.L. Page*

**Doxology* (*Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Prayer of Dedication*

The Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14 *John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation* Lesley Sheridan

We Share the Light of Christ

Please light your candle by holding the unlighted candle over the lighted candle.
During the singing of “Silent Night” we will raise and lower candles. Follow the lead of
the pastor. Extinguish your candle at the end of the carol.

**Carol* #186 “Silent Night! Holy Night!” *Stille Nacht*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent Night! Holy Night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Benediction* Bradley Longfield

**Postlude* “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” *arr. Livingston*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Rev. Bradley Longfield, Liturgist
The McCaw Family, *Advent Candle Lighters*
Anthony & Zachary Alba, *Candle Lighting Ushers*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church:
Steve & Beth Foxen, *greeters*
The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church, *Offering*
The Longfields and Daniels, *Fellowship hosts*



INTHE LIFE OFTHE CHURCH

THE JOY OFFERING supports the PC(USA)’s commitment to education and leadership development through the support of racial ethnic schools and colleges, and helps subsidize the support of retired ministers and their families facing medical crises. Our First Pres goal is \$1,000.

THANK YOU to TRACY WILDERMUTH for the gift bags filled with yum-my treats, colored pencils, and notepads. The love and care expressed through these gifts are much appreciated by the church family.

THANK YOU to the CONGREGATIONAL LIFE Committee for a wonder-ful time of fellowship following worship last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the time to visit.

THANK YOU to the CAST of the CHRISTMAS program! The congregation sincerely appreciates the time you put into preparing and presenting the message of hope and the call to reach out to those in need. Thank you.

THANKS to the CAROLERS who brought good tidings of great joy as they caroled to some of our members last Saturday. It was much appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER: There will be no Sunday School Dec.29. We’ll see you in the new year starting on Jan. 5th.

FOOD FOR THE FIRST is next Sunday, Jan. 5th. Please drop your non-per-ishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pan-try in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

WE ARE IN NEED OF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS! There are many open dates through January. Please check the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room. Thank you for supporting this special ministry!

OUR FIRST CAFÉ MINISTRY of 2020 is January 30th. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet coming soon!

TRANSITION NEWS: The PNC continues to pray for God’s guidance as they discern who is to lead this congregation into the future. Please continue to hold our church family and the PNC in your prayers.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Jan. 5 - Rev. John Armstrong
Jan. 12 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Jan. 19 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons