

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 148 (Pew Bible page 508) Praise the Lord, all creation! God is exalted in heaven and earth. 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (Pew Bible pages 214-215) Ministering before the Lord, Samuel grows in stature and favor. Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible page 958) As God's chosen ones, clothe yourselves in love; be thankful. Luke 2:41-52 (Pew Bible pages 833-834) Three days after Passover, young Jesus is found in his Father's house.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

PRELUDE **“Meditation on THE COVENTRY CAROL”** **Lasky**

INTROIT (Hymn #34) “In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born” Discovery

CHOIR: In Bethlehem a Babe was born with love enough for all.
While kingdoms slept, the Lord came down to grace a manger stall.
And with a glorious light angels appeared that night, singing,
“Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come, world forlorn.
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found.”

ALL: **The mystery of Bethlehem was long ago they say,
but miracle of miracles the Baby lives today
in each new heart that hears Love coming through the years, singing,
“Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come, world forlorn.
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found.”**

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens.
PEOPLE: Praise the Lord from the heights.
 LEADER: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord.
PEOPLE: For God's name alone is exalted.
 LEADER: God has raised up strength for the people,
PEOPLE; and praise for all God's loyal servants. Hallelujah!

***HYMN #40** **“Joy to the World!”** **Antioch**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the ages, our beginning and our end, today is a day for looking at the past, what we've done and where we've been this year. It doesn't take long for us to recall the missteps and the mistakes and the many times we missed the mark. Looking back, we see our sins. We also see your faithfulness. We offer our confession with a measure of hope that your mercy will cleanse us yet again, so that we might follow Jesus Christ into the future you have prepared. *(silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)** *“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.”*

CHILDREN'S LESSON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible page 958)**

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM	“Angels We Have Heard on High” Carol Harp, violin	Hoyle
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GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52 (Pew Bible pages 833-834)

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

“Growing Up”

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

Manz

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #308

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Kingsfold

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on MENDELSSOHN”

Young

For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, January 6, 2019 will be the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Pew Bible page 464) May the king reign forever and deliver the needy. Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible pages 602-603) Arise, shine, your light has come; the glory of the Lord appears. Ephesians 3:1-12 (Pew Bible page 950) An ancient mystery is revealed: Gentiles are fellow heirs in Christ. Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible pages 783-784) Following a star, wise men visit Jesus and bring him gifts.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! It is good to be together as a community while we worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the service, there will be a time of light refreshments and further conversation and connection with one another in Hager Hall. The easiest way to access the hall from the sanctuary is through the doors closest to the pulpit and to the right.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER – You are invited to fill out the Friendship Register with as much information as you are comfortable in sharing. It can be found at the center end of each pew. As it is returned to the center aisle, please take time to look at the names of others with whom you are sitting. It can be a good feeling to call someone by their name, even though you are just meeting them, and it is a reminder that, this morning, we are all part of God’s community together.

HAVE CHILDREN? – A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger in the Nursery Room, off of the Courtyard. Coloring pages for use in worship are also available. Ask an usher about both. After the beginning of worship, children through 5th grade will be invited to attend “Sonshine Mountain,” a time of fun and faith just for them. They will be returned to meet their families in Hager Hall following worship.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? – Thank you for being here today! Your presence adds to this experience of worship. Please introduce yourself to the folks around you and to Pastor David. If you’d like, you are welcome to identify yourself with the “Visitor” stickers found in the Friendship Register. At the close of worship, please feel free to take a Blue Welcome Bag, which includes a small gift and further information about First Church. They can be found at the front.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? – For more information about First Presbyterian Church, its ministry and mission, and how we can grow and learn together, please:

- See the announcements in this bulletin
- Go to the church website (www.fpcdunedin.org)
- Read the monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, found at various information tables here and on the church website.
- Find us on Facebook
- Contact the church office (727-733-2318, frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org)

THOSE WITH VISION OR HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing assisted devices are also available at the sound booth.

FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at www.firstfriendspreschool.net or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Susanne Wilde, John Ralph, Bubba Roberson, Katherine Calhoon

LITURGIST: Marty Lawyer

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Dave Thomas and Jeff Cockrell

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Welch and Carole Anne Agnew in memory of their parents:

Robert and Lucille West and Gene and Elizabeth Agnew

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton (HR)

9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class (L)

10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship (S)

10:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (B)

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (HH)

2:00 p.m. – Memorial Service for Ethel “Cricket” Smith (S)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (31 st)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers (PL)
Tuesday (1 st)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)
Wednesday (2 nd)	11:00 a. m.	Senior Exercise Class (EHH)
Thursday (3 rd)	11:00 a.m.	OA (EHH)
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Music (CR)
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR)
	8:00 p.m.	NA (EHH)
Friday (4 th)	6:30 p.m.	AA (EHH)
Saturday (5 th)	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)

Legend: (B) Basement Game Room; (BC) Bell Choir EB; (C) Cinema EB; (CR) Choir Room; (EB) Ed Bldg 2nd Fl; (EHH) East Hager Hall; (FO) Front Office; (HH) Hager Hall; (HR) Highlander Room; (L) Library; (MR) Meeting Room; (N) Nursery; (PL) Parking Lot; (PS) Ed Bldg Gr Floor; (S) Sanctuary; (10) Scout Hut on Loudon; (612) Green House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VIDEO CLUB will not meet this week. We wish everyone a blessed New year!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – JANUARY 13 The commitments we make are important, whether those commitments are to spouses, children, family or friends. The commitment we share together as members of the First Presbyterian Church community are important, too. It is a shared commitment to fellowship, ministry and mission and to journey together as followers of Jesus. On Sunday, January 13, we will be welcoming those coming to make that commitment with us for the first time as new members. If you would like to make a commitment as a member of our church community, or would like to talk with our pastor to learn more about what that means, please contact the church office (727-733-2318, frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org) . We would LOVE to welcome you!

THE DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR is hosted by the Video Club and Koinonia. Please join us after worship at 11:30 a.m. in Hager Hall. Enjoy some light refreshment while visiting with fellow worshippers and welcoming our guests. We thank the Video Club and Koinonia for their service and contribution to our church.

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- Margie Skinner at Mease Continuing Care
- Al Schlorholtz at Mease Continuing Care
- Marion Guthrie at Mease Dunedin

For continued healing: Joyce Swan, Rev. Buddy Doyle, Sally King, Liz Bailey, Richard Garlick, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth, Debby Womack, Herbert Russcol

Is God in your will?