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DECEMBER 30, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Three Chorale Preludes
Quem pastores
Christum wir sollen loben schon
Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

Healey Willan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are brought together by the call of God,

All: the One who has loved us from the beginning.

One: We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit.

All: the One who has challenged us to love more deeply.

One: We worship together in the name of Christ,

All: the One who was Love made flesh.

from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts Vol 52.1

* HYMN 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from Book of Common Worship

ACCLAMATION OF A NEW REALITY

Christmas returns, as it always does, with its assurance that life is good.

It is the time of lift to the spirit,

When the mind feels its way into the commonplace,

And senses the wonder of simple things: an evergreen tree,

Familiar carols, merry laughter.

It is the time of illumination,

When the candles burn, and old dreams

Find their youth again.

It is the time of pause,

When forgotten joys come back to mind, and past

dedications renew their claim.

It is the time of harvest for the heart,
When faith reaches out to mantle all high endeavor,
And love whispers its magic word to everything that breaths.
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that life is good.

from *Christmas Returns* by Howard Thurman

*** SHARING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS**

Please greet one another in the joyful spirit of Christmas.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gavin Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41–52

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*** HYMN 29**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Beca Torres-Davenport and Essie Koenig-Reinke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12–17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Clothed in Love

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

See next page.

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Wexford Carol

arr. Richard Walters

*** Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**



1 Love has come a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, shine in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er, what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our



joy a - ris - es. Love! Love! Born in - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of



Sav - ing! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Amy and Russ Bornschein present their son, Austin Russell
 Bornschein, born October 24, 2018, for baptism.

* 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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

 **Sending** 

* **HYMN 40** *Joy to the World!*
Please sing stanzas 1–3.

ANTIOCH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

* **POSTLUDE** Chorale Prelude on *Lasst uns alle froehlich sein*

Healey Willan

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including guests and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

Today is Family Sunday. Today we offer a *prayground* for children of the church to worship with us. Please join us at the front, lectern side of the Sanctuary. Child care is also available for infants through preschool on the 100 level. Christian education classes for all ages and full youth programming return next Sunday, January 6.

Soloist is Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, soprano. **Greeter** is Carol Fletcher. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Angela Yang, Spaulding Clark, Dean Gilchrist, Holly Majorprice, and Greta and Grace Krapohl. **Sound system operator** is Bryan Magnuson. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the service. Prayer team members are Marolin Bellefleur and Nancy Fox. "It is not well for humans to pray cream and live skim milk." — Henry Ward Beecher

The church building will be closed Tuesday, January 1.