

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30, December 30)

*"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them."*

Luke 1:68

GATHERING MUSIC

"Time for Joy"DeJarnette

ORGAN PRAISE

"Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!" arr. Haan
Marjorie Killick

INTROIT

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"Fax/DeJarnette
The Sanctuary Choir; Steve Williams

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 9 and Luke 1) John Goodale

Leader: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!

People: God has come and has redeemed His people!

Leader: Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

People: Glory to the new-born King!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 185, vs. 1, 2, 3

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* Congregation standing.

**Ushers will seat worshipers who are delayed here and during hymns. Ministers leaving the service have other teaching responsibilities.

*** SONG OF PRAISE, No. 184, vs. 1, 3**

“What Child Is This?”

Marj Killick, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel;
Born is the King of Israel!

CHILDREN’S SERMON Pat Hartsock

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“There Is a Redeemer”Green

SERMON

TIME FOR JOY: "Joy to the Past"

Luke 1:68-79 Jennifer Holz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Wonder, Love and Praise" Hatton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 218, vs. 1, 2, 3**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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* **HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 191**, vs. 1, 2, 3

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP (9 and 11 a.m.)

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SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER Matt Holtzman, Zoe Anderson

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11 a.m.) Allen Hunter

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER

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RESPONSE AND SENDING

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HAPPENINGS

New Year's Eve Communion Service • 7 p.m.

"The Ultimate New Year's Resolution"

Romans 11:36–12:2

Pastor Pat Hartsock

Next Sunday, January 6 "Time for Joy – Joy to the Future" Pastor Tom Pipkin and Pastor John Goodale will preach from Isaiah 12:1–6.

For the Whole Church Family

Year End Giving – The Business Office will be open until 5 p.m. on December 31. All contributions received or postmarked by December 31 will be recorded on the 2018 Giving Statements, which will be mailed in January 2019.

The Church Library will be closed through January 2, 2019.

Adult Ministries | 719-884-6117

Sunday Adult Communities will not meet today.

Do you have a passion for creating space for honest, safe conversation about God and faith? We are building a team for Alpha, a course that explores the Christian faith. Alpha is specifically designed for those who are outside of the church and have questions about God, life, and faith. There are a variety of ways to serve on the Alpha team. For more information about Alpha, visit alphausa.org. Contact Ina Meyer at imeyer@first-pres.org.

Nursery | 884-6139 | first-pres.org/nursery

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events.

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children

Preschool meets on the 2nd floor and K–5th grades meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m. Sundays. These classes will not meet today.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students

Middle School (6–8) meets Sundays at 10 a.m. High School (9–12) meets Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. These classes will not meet today.

Winter Camp: High School Feb. 1–3; Middle School Feb. 15–17. Sign up today at www.first-pres.org/students.

College

Are you a college student home on break? Call Andy Morrison at 719-237-1522 to connect with First Pres College Ministries.

Men's Life | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/men

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. starting January 8. Taught by Pastor Pat Hartsock. Register at www.first-pres.org/men.

Men's Winter Retreat, February 8–10, 2019, at Sky Ranch Horn Creek in Westcliffe. Vince D'Acchioli will be our speaker. Cost is \$155. Register at www.first-pres.org/mensretreat.

Women's Life | 884-6119 | first-pres.org/women

WOW Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting January 15. Cost is \$30. Register at www.first-pres.org/women.

Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions

While Christmas has passed, we will still be accepting Something Significant for Christmas orders over the next couple of weeks. Cards for each gift are also still available.

Ecumenical Social Ministries (ESM), a long-term partner of First Pres, helps meet basic needs of people in need in our community. First Pres helps stock the ESM pantry monthly. Would you consider bringing non-perishable food goods on Sunday, January 6? To learn more about this ministry, visit www.ecusocmin.org.

Pastor Youssef, the Lead Pastor of our partner church in Egypt, Heliopolis Evangelical Church, will be joining us January 9-14. He will be preaching alongside Pastor Tim in all four services on Sunday, January 13. If you'd like a chance to get to know our friend from Cairo a bit before he preaches, join us for a dinner in his honor at Steve and Linda Hood's house on Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Linda at 719-499-3580.

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care

Serenity, Strength, and Hope – Emotions Anony-

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Life Network works to cultivate a community that values life through the love of Christ as they work with women, teenagers and new families. Pray for the clients to find Life Network a safe, welcoming space.

Local Church: Chadbourn Community Church

mous is a fellowship of people who share their experiences, feelings, strengths, weaknesses and hopes in order to solve their emotional problems and to discover a way to live at peace with unsolved problems. Meets Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Room 219.

We Pray for You! Did you know that we have a group that meets each Monday morning to pray for your concerns of the congregation? If you would like them to pray for you or for any concern you have, please complete a prayer card, available in the pew racks. Then place it in the offering plate.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs

Program Coordinator for Communication, full-time; Graphic Designer, full-time; Director of Children's Ministry, full-time.

Gifts to Sanctuary Flower Fund *In Memory of:*

Our father, grandfather & great grandfather,
Jack Traxler by the Traxler Family

John and Betty Bass by John and Nancy Bass

Our parents, Kenneth and Virginia Hackerson,
Samuel and Dorothy Stang
by Chuck and Judy Stang

Harold and Virginia Teats
by Janet Berridge, Jo, Ron and Tom

IN MEMORIAM

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord
may be found at www.first-pres.org/memorials.