

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Smith and Hustad  
*Beverly Bright, piano; Kay Ten Eyck, organ*

Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!

***Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.***

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

***Glory to God in the highest!***

\* Hymn 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of grace and truth,  
in Jesus Christ you came among us  
as light shining in darkness.***

***We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
or trusted good news to be good.***

***We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.***

***Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response (refrain to Hymn 136)

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.***

***Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (OT, p. 246)

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymnal 679)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21-24 (NT, p. 59)

Sermon: “The Things We Do to Our Children”

Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 146 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr. Sedio

\* Doxology (607)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore.***

***Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen!***

- Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 140 "Once in Royal David's City"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (601)

\* Postlude "While By My Sheep" arr. Wagner

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given by Gerry Conklin to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Dale.*

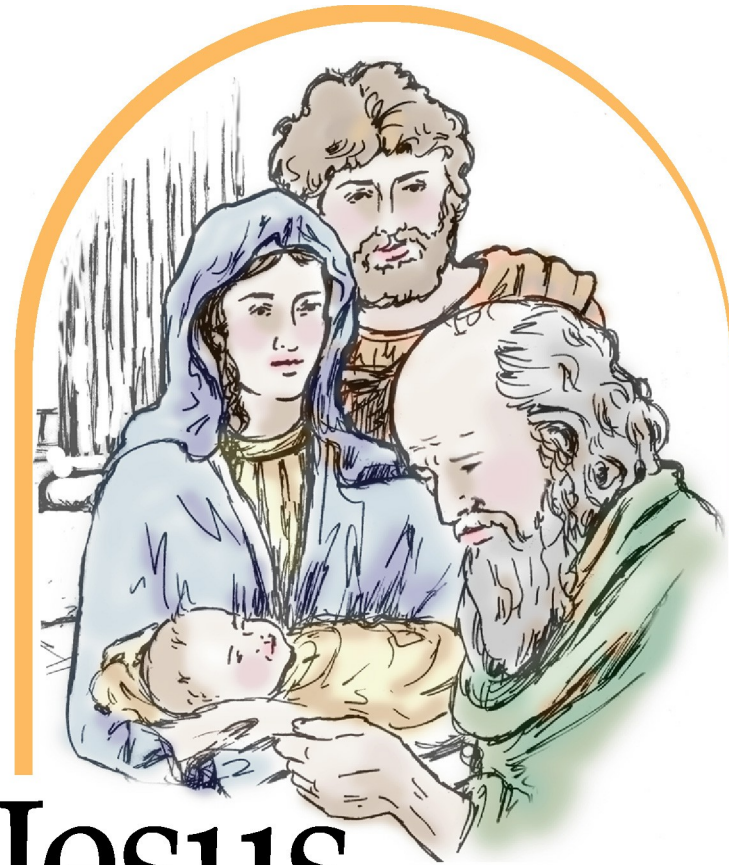
**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Donna Porter
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin and Betty Keen
Greeters	Jean and Bill Siebecker



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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**Jesus  
Presented  
in the Temple**