

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning" arr. Janet Linker

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word of God;

*John 1:1, 14*

**and the Word became flesh to live among us.**

Blessed is the Lord our God,

*Eph. 1:3*

**and blessed is Jesus Christ our Savior.**

\* Hymn 147

"The First Nowell" (verses 1-4)

*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 and Passing of the Peace

\* Response (refrain to Hymn 147)

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (OT, p. 734)

Psalter: Psalm 147 (Hymn 657)

A Time with Children

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Offering

Offertory

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. David Cherwien

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.***

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"Kings of Orient"

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

### **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	Heather Acker



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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### **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Our Session requires masks for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

Thank you for your **strong financial support!** There is a link [to contribute online](#). You are also invited to drop off your contributions at the church office during working hours or send them to 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time.

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

**Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 4.** The church office will be open this week Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with a lunch hour between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. You can contact us by phone (570-586-6306) or [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org).

**Our Adult “Way” Education classes and Choir Rehearsals resume this week.**

This Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. our topic will be **“Where are the Wise Men From?”** Ken Bailey, the Presbyterian missionary of the last generation, offered deep insight into the background of familiar Bible texts. On the evening before Epiphany, we explore his work on the Magi. Who were they? Where did they come from? Why are they included in Matthew’s Christmas story? Join us as we look at a text we have taken for granted. It will be offered in Room 206 – and on ZOOM. The link for ZOOM will be available in our weekly E-mail and on the church website.

**It’s time for Annual Reports!** Will all committee chairs, staff, and board treasurers please submit a brief report of your 2021 activities (electronically, preferably) to the church office ([office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org)) by January 19, 2022.

Boxes of offering envelopes have been prepared and are on a table in the hall. If one was not prepared for you, and you would like one, please notify the church office.

### Meetings this week

Sunday, January 2, 2022	Second Sunday after Christmas Day	
	10 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	Room 206
Monday, January 3	Church office is closed.	
Tuesday, January 4	7:30 p.m. Mission and Justice	Room 206
Wednesday, January 5	9 a.m. Presbyter mailing	Room 206
	10:30 a.m. Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m. The Way Adult Bible Study	Room 206
	7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 6	8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast	
	7 p.m. AlAnon	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m. Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m. Building and Grounds	Room 209
	7 p.m. Christian Education	Room 206
	7 p.m. Worship, Music, Arts	ZOOM

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

10 a.m.      Worship

11:15 a.m.   Session Meeting

Confirmation Class

Sanctuary

Room 206

Room 206

Looking ahead: **Music for Midwinter**

Sunday, January 16, 2022 4:00 pm

Nathan Worrell, piano; Mike Carbone, soprano sax; Bill Carter, piano

Two talented artists will warm our winter air. Nathaniel Worrell, a student at Valley View High School, will offer a dazzling program of classical piano music. Mike Carbone, professor at Binghamton University, will offer a set of chamber music for soprano saxophone, accompanied by pianist Bill Carter.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



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