

The background of the entire image is a dark blue night sky filled with small, distant stars. A prominent, bright, multi-pointed star, resembling the Star of Bethlehem, is positioned in the upper right quadrant. In the lower portion of the image, a silhouette of a stable or manger is shown against a lighter, hazy blue background. Inside the stable, the silhouettes of the Virgin Mary kneeling, the infant Jesus lying in the manger, and Joseph standing with a staff are visible. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

# Gloria

One God. One Word. One Story.

First Presbyterian Church of York  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017 - 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of York  
December 10, 2017  
The Second Sunday of Advent**

*As Mary did on learning she would bear God's Son, may we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior (Luke 1:46-47). Welcome!*

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Joan Beekey, organist*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad)*

**INTRODUCTION OF CARING MINISTRY DIRECTOR – JAMES EPPERLY**

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CANTATA CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS*

***Gloria! One God. One Word. One Story***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,

**People: The Word, enduring and eternal.**

Leader: And the Word was with God,

**People: The Word, righteous and holy!**

Leader: And the Word was God- and all things were made by Him.

**People: And God and man communed in ways deep and true – until the fall.**

Leader: In one moment, shame and guilt entered the created world. We separated ourselves from God.

**People; Mankind chose his course, while God chose His – the complete restoration of humankind.**

Leader: And so it is that in the rising and falling of the years, years of light and of darkness, there has been, and ever will be, but one constant:

**People: The Word.**

Leader: At the appointed hour, this Word, the very seal of His promise, breaks open and declares that He who has spoken is true.

**People: The Word became flesh – and dwelt among us. He is Jesus, the incarnate Word of God!**

Leader: There is but One God. One Word. One Story.

**CHORAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP** “Adeste Fideles” Wade/arr. Rouse

*O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. O come let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Highest, most holy Light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal He comes. Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Worship Christ the Lord!*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Ron and Judy Hershner (8:30 a.m.)  
Justin and Alyson Bucks (10:45 a.m.)

**CHORAL RESPONSE** “Tidings of Comfort and Joy!” arr. Larson

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, we long for Heaven's King. O come, Desire of nations, come, that our spirits may take wing! And when the promise is fulfilled we'll celebrate and sing glad tidings of comfort and joy, glad tidings of comfort and joy!*

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*O come to us, Messiah King, and end our long dark night. Come, Promised Child of Israel's line, God's pure and holy light! And when the promise is fulfilled we'll sing with all our might glad tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, glad tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!*

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord Jesus, in this season of Advent, we are reminded of your promise to return. We are also quick to confess that we may not be ready to meet you face to face. We confess that we are resistant to having our hearts and minds changed by your transforming power and that we are more comfortable remaining as we are than becoming who you would have us be. You have called us into relationship with you and into communion with all people; forgive us for the walls we build that prevent us from seeing you and each other. Forgive us for not forgiving each other as we have been forgiven. Call us again to come to you, to be transformed by your great love and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**READING OF ASSURANCE**      “Comfort for God’s People”      Isaiah 40: 1-5

**CHORAL RESPONSE**      “Prepare the Way!”      Larson/quoting VENI EMMANUEL

*Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a way for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord. Comfort, comfort my people. Their night shall soon be over. Tell them God will send the Messiah to reign forever more! Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a way for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

*Every valley shall be lifted up; every mountain and hill made low. And the glory of the Lord revealed. Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a way for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

*Rejoice, sing and rejoice! Emmanuel, come to thee, O Israel! Prepare the way of the Lord!*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:** Romans 3:21-24

But now God's way of putting people right with himself has been revealed. It has nothing to do with law, even though the Law of Moses and the prophets gave their witness to it. God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. But, by the free gift of God's grace, all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free.

**ANTHEM**      “David’s Royal City”      arr. Larson

*Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall. With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the ever lasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: It all began with a promise—a promise made to a people that one day the world would be saved. Instead of being saved by a fierce warrior leading a strong army, we are saved by a tiny child. Through faith in Jesus, He takes away our sins and gives us His love. Through faith in Jesus, our fears are placed upon His shoulders, and He grants us His peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.      **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn No. 113, *verses 1 and 3*)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**CHORAL REFLECTION** “And It Came To Pass”

Rouse/Aspinall

*A child has been born in our darkest night, the Word of God, Incarnate One,  
Redeemer, Holy Light. God's own Son in humble birth leaves His throne in Heaven to  
dwell with men on earth.*

*And it came to pass on those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God has  
come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now  
on earth. It came to Pass! Emmanuel!*

*Come now, you rich and poor, hear the Baby's cry. The Prince of Peace, the Lamb of  
God here in a stable lies. Joyful news on earth today! The bright and morning star has  
come to light the way!*

*And it came to pass that in those days we saw the Savior face to face. The Word of God  
has come among us now! And it came to pass! Emmanuel, the Word of God among us  
now on earth. It came to Pass! Emmanuel!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! ! And it came to pass that in those days we saw the  
Savior face to face. The Word of God has come among us now! And it came to pass!  
Emmanuel, the Word of God among us now on earth. It came to Pass! Emmanuel!  
Rejoice! Emmanuel! He's come to earth, Emmanuel!*

**SCRIPTURAL NARRATIVE**

Based on Luke 2: 1-14

**ANTHEM**

“Fire in the Sky”

Rouse/Aspinall

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the heavens above. He's coming to earth to show us  
His love. Gloria! Gloria! Peace on earth; good will to all men. The Savior is born in  
Bethlehem.*

*Shepherds awaken to a glorious sight, stars in the heavens a radiant light. Angels  
rejoicing, they sing from on high. The glow overwhelming like fire in the sky.*

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the heavens above. He's coming to earth to show us  
His love. Gloria! Gloria!*

*Peace on earth; good will to all men. The Savior is born in Bethlehem. Peace on earth,  
their heavenly song. The Savior descending; we've waited so long. Fear not!*

*Take comfort; redemption draws nigh. The glory of Heaven like fire in the sky!*

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the heavens above. He's coming to earth to show us  
His love. Gloria! Gloria! Peace on earth; good will to all men. The Savior is born in  
Bethlehem. Gloria!*

**SCRIPTURAL NARRATIVE**

Based on Isaiah 9:6-8

**ANTHEM**

“Jesus, Prince of Peace”

Rouse

*Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease.  
Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease. Infant  
Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Gloria, sing Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, sing Gloria! Jesus, Prince of Peace, come  
here from Heaven our darkness to cease. Jesus, Prince of Peace.*

**SCRIPTURAL NARRATIVE**

Based on Luke 2: 15-19

**ANTHEM**

“Child of the Promise”

Rouse

*Under the stars sleeps a Child of the promise. Common made holy, our God come to  
earth. Glory residing here in a poor manger, come to redeem us and show us our  
worth.  
Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the  
highest. Forever and ever, amen! Forever and ever amen!  
Fall on your knees here beside the Lord’s cradle. Come now to worship on this silent  
night. In love, He has come here to bear all our sorrows, to end all our darkness and  
make all things right.  
Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the  
highest. Forever and ever, amen! Forever and ever amen!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was  
born! O night divine! O night, O night divine!  
Glory to God in the highest. Peace and good will to all men. Glory to God in the  
highest. Forever and ever, amen! Forever and ever amen!*

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

*Stewardship is a part of what we do about what we believe.*

**OFFERTORY DUET**

*Jim Scofield and Justin Bucks*

“Journey of Simeon - My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation” arr. Fettke

Simeon: *Seems I’ve spent a lifetime, waiting for this moment to arrive.*

Joseph: *There were times I wondered, if my faith was strong enough to survive.*

Simeon: *But still I’ve trusted You, you’ve never let me down,*

*Your Promise has come true, for the Savior I have found.*

*My eyes have seen Your salvation. For what God has promised, He has done.*

*My eyes have seen Your salvation; for I’ve seen Jesus Christ, God’s Son.*

Simeon: *Lord, You have been faithful. How can I repay You for Your grace?*

Joseph: *Heaven holds my future, for I have seen salvation, face to face.*

Simeon: *I’ll fall down to my knees, and raise my voice to sing,*

*With every breath in me, I will worship Christ the King.*

*My eyes have seen Your salvation. For what God has promised, He has done.  
My eyes have seen Your salvation; for I've seen Jesus Christ, God's Son.*

*Joseph: You are the glory for Your holy nation;  
Simeon: You are the light of revelation to the world.*

*My eyes have seen Your salvation. For what God has promised, He has done.  
My eyes have seen Your salvation; for I've seen Jesus Christ, God's Son.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON** (Hymnal pg.35, debts)

**CHORAL PRAYER** "Blessed is the Lord (Benedictus)" Forrest  
*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word. Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls, Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.  
"Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come, salvation's born. God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born".  
Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word. Christ brings light to sin's dark night: our day spring from on high, Saints and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and Heaven's reply:  
Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.*

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Go from this place in the name of the One True **God**. Spread the **Word** with thanksgiving in your heart for the glory of the Lord revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Celebrate the **Story** of our faith!*

*May you be blessed with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the determination of the wisemen. And may God's peace, the peace of the Christ child, be with you both now and forever more. Amen.*

**SONG OF PRAISE** soloist, Gary Morton "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" arr. Rouse  
*Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child! Jesus, my Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Wont you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!*

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around. "Fear not," for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind." His name is Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child! Jesus, my Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Wont you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!*

*His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God! King of Kings! Lord of lords! Prince of Peace! Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child! Jesus, my Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Wont you listen to the angels sing? Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!*

## SCATTERING TO SERVE GOD

*God has richly blessed this church in many ways. One of those blessings is all of the talented musicians who make up the Cantata choir, children's choirs, and orchestra. While we have a few honoured guest musicians who are friends from area churches joining us today, the majority of the choir and orchestra are members of First Presbyterian Church of York.*

*It is my distinct honour and privilege to direct these gifted musicians in this service of worship in music.*



### FPC Cantata Choir

Joan Beekey  
Jon Crone  
Kirstin Crone  
Elizabeth Currier Beaudoin  
Katie Berkebile  
Janice Bissey  
Cindy Brant  
Alyson Bucks  
Justin Bucks  
Heidi Cavanaugh  
Betsy Craft  
Susan Dunham  
Guy Dunham  
Jon Edmonds  
Madison Ehrhart

Michelle Ehrhart  
Alexandra Garisay  
Ilene Gentzler  
Elijah Hunter  
Jennyfir Hunter  
Ron Hershner  
Barbara Jacoby  
Sara King  
Eli Lanehart  
Braxton Lehman  
Anne McFeely  
Sandy Morton  
Tammy Olderich  
Linda Phillips  
Shirley Senft

Jim Scofield  
Melody Scofield  
Brenda Shue  
Wiz Simms  
Ann Sopchak  
Kerry Smith  
Cindy Smith  
Bill Sonnenberg  
Marlene Spark  
Scott Stover  
Sandy Sykes  
Ally Warntz  
Cara Warntz  
Dorothy Woodyard



**FPC Orchestra**  
**Concert Mistress: Kathy Yeater**

Matt Barr  
Amy Best  
Jeffrey Bitzer  
Chris Clark  
Emily Clark  
Christine Crone  
Curtis Crone  
Venona Detrick  
Kirk Frey  
Jan Frey

Vickie Groome  
Seth Keller  
Richard Konkel  
Sam Laucks  
Charles (Chuck) Long  
Tom McLaughlin  
Gary Morton  
Isabelle Myers  
AnneMarie Piermatteo  
Kerry Harker-Roth

Laura Walker Russell  
Tim Ryan  
Aaron Scofield  
Joel Sears  
Jenn Smitka  
Sam Stover  
Brett Tallman  
Andy Warntz  
Collette Wichard

Celebrate Christmas and the New Year  
at First Presbyterian Church

**December 24 Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service - *Sanctuary*  
8:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service - *Sanctuary*  
11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion - *Sanctuary*

**December 31 New Years Eve Service—Worship As One**

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day Worship Service - *Sanctuary*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3, 2017

## WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are delighted to have you here with us. We would like to greet you by name when we see you, so please use the name tags provided in the pew racks to enable us to get acquainted. We would also appreciate your filling out the visitor section of the red fellowship pad when it is passed.

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## CHILDCARE

Childcare on Sunday is available in our nursery for newborns to age 5 (not yet in Kindergarten) from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.

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## FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God:

In honor of Cheryl Sykes and parents who have gone before us.

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## PASTORAL GREETING

Today after the 10:45 a.m. service, the Reverend Allison Beaulieu will be at the west pulpit door. The Reverend C. Kyle Gott will be at the East Market Street door.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to write your prayer requests on the prayer cards found in the pew racks and in the back of the Sanctuary, near the cross. These cards may be left at the cross or handed to an usher during the offering. An usher will bring the requests to the pastor with the offering, so they can be added to the prayers of the people during the worship service.

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## LARGE PRINT & SOUND ENHANCEMENT

Please speak with an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT BULLETIN, BIBLE, HYMN sheet, or an individual receiver for our wireless sound enhancement system.

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In the prayer room: In the season of Advent, you are invited to come to the prayer room and participate in a spiritual practice of pondering a piece of art. Each week there will be a different poster for you to observe, plus a few questions to help you explore a theme for the week.

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## YORK HOSPITAL CHANGES

Due to changes at York Hospital, we are delayed in receiving updates on our members. If you know of someone who has been admitted and you have permission to share this, please contact the church office.

## TEMPORARY OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

The office will have a temporary closing time of 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday until further notice.

*If you need additional information for any announcement, please check the monthly Hallelujah, our website at [www.fpcyork.org](http://www.fpcyork.org), or ask an usher or someone at the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place.*

## **GOD ON GIVING**

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY /**

For some, the holidays are the hardest times. If that is the case for you, maybe you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister.

Contact one of our Pastors or Stephen Ministry referral coordinators to see whether Stephen Ministry is the answer for you.

Pastor Kyle Gott or Pastor Allison Beaulieu 717-843-8041 or  
Carol Nachtigall 717-968-6004 or Renee Schaffer 717-741-2418.

## **LETTERS OF CONCERN**

Please check the table at the bottom of the steps to the west pulpit door to sign letters of concern for those in need of our care.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch group will meet this week at Isaac's (Meadowbrook).

## **DEADLINES**

Just a reminder that the deadline for newsletter articles, Session packet information/Committee minutes, and calendar date changes is the 15th of each month.

## **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**

For all parents of 3-year-olds, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> graders: You and your family are invited to an Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Christine Thomas Hall. At this Epiphany celebration, each three-year-old will receive a "Picture Bible," each 2<sup>nd</sup> grader will receive a "Jesus Storybook Bible," and each 4<sup>th</sup> grader will receive a "Kid's Devotional Bible." Join us for a light lunch, as we begin a new year to grow in our faith! RSVP to [wendy@fpcyork.org](mailto:wendy@fpcyork.org) by Sunday, January 2, 2018.

## **SENIORS ON SUNDAY**

Join us on Sunday, December 17, 2017, for our monthly gathering. All seniors, 62 and older, are invited to Christine Thomas Hall at noon for lunch and a program.

In December, Kerry Smith will share some information about the stars as they relate to the Christmas story. To RSVP for the event, contact Bev Kling at 792-9861 or Linda Rupert at 225-1956.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday school classes will be combined on December 24 and December 31**

**December 24** - we will meet at 9:30 and participate in a presentation called "Listen to Christmas"

**December 31** - we will meet at 9:00 and spend some time looking back over the year.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

During Advent (December 3-24) at 9:30 a.m. all the classes will join together for one class. Everyone is invited to join this class called "*Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*" in room 208. This is a DVD series by Adam Hamilton.

The themes for each class will be:

Dec. 3: A carpenter named Joseph

Dec. 10: Whose child is this?

Dec. 17: Raising a child not your own

Dec. 24: The journey to Bethlehem

On December 31, 2017, all adults are invited to participate in an adult education class. This class will allow you to look back on the year to see where you saw God at work and then look ahead to the coming year to see what invitations you see from God. We will be using a spiritual practice called "The Examen." We hope you will participate in this time to let your soul catch up with your calendar.

## **MEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

All men are invited meet at 6:00 p.m. in the former parlor on Wednesday nights from, November 29 through December 20. A class called "The Comings of Christmas" will dig into some vital scriptures to help us focus during the busy season on the One reflected in a familiar line from a Christmas carol, "the hopes and fears of all the years." The class will be led by Pastor Kyle and Byron Borger.

## **NURSERY CELEBRATION // December 17, 2017**

Please stop by the nursery on December 17, 2017 to wish Carly Lyon well and to thank her for her love and dedication to God's children. Light Refreshments will be serviced.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**

To help everyone prepare for Christmas, there will be several Advent devotionals available in the Gathering Place during December. Please choose from one of the following devotionals:

“The ACT of Advent:” a devotional intended for youth to explore questions about how they are preparing for Christmas.

“Jesus: God’s Promise:” Advent devotions based on Henri Nouwen’s writings.

“Moving Toward the Manger:” Reflections on the writings of Frederick Buechner

“Hope-full Living:” Daily devotions seeking to inspire seniors written in larger print for easier reading.

Living the Gospel Life: Jesus’ ministry was a ministry of action. These devotionals invite us to turn from self-seeking ways and to journey down God’s path.

Advent wreaths: a devotional plus an Advent wreath and candles for families to use at home. (This devotional will be located on the second floor of the education building. There will be one bag per family. If any grandparents would like an Advent wreath, please let Wendy Smith know.)

**GLOW**

You are invited to our Wednesday night program. Dinner begins at 5:20 in Christine Thomas Hall. Childcare will be provided through Pre-kindergarten.

6:00-6:35	6:40-7:15
Chimes/Bells Led by Barb Jacoby (grades 3-adults)	Chimes/Bells Led by Barb Jacoby (grades 3-adults)
Quiet time/Homework (grades 3-adults)	Quiet time/Homework (grades 3-adults)
Men’s Bible study Led by Rev. Kyle Gott and Byron Borger	Men’s Bible study Led by Rev. Kyle Gott and Byron Borger
Women’s Bible study Led by Laura Byrne	Women’s Bible study Led by Laura Byrne
Godly play Led by Wendy Smith (kindergarten-adults)	Godly play Led by Wendy Smith (kindergarten-adults)
Praise singers Led by Jim Spark (kindergarten-adults)	
“This week in worship” - a look at the scripture passage for the upcoming week-Led by Jim Spark (grades 7-adults)	For more information about any of these programs, contact Wendy Smith at 843-8041.

**WORSHIP AS ONE** | December 31, 2017

Join us for the last Worship As One of 2017 on  
December 31, 2017

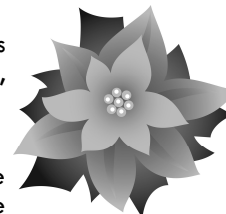
Adult Education/Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship As One Service at 10:00 a.m.



Sunday Morning Volunteers		
	This week	Next week
Hospitality Desk (10:20 - 10:45 a.m.)		
Letters of Concern and flower delivery	Elizabeth Barton	Jon Edmonds
Flower delivery	Dan Sharp	
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	Jairia Kennedy	Carly Lyon
Nursery 10:45 a.m.	Jairia Kennedy Chloe Berkebile	Carly Lyon

**POINSETTIA ORDERS**

Again this year we are offering the opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved ones and beautify the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. If you would like poinsettias for this purpose, complete the slip below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.



The cost is **\$9.00** and payment is due at the time of order. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and annotated "poinsettias." The listing of contributors will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**The deadline for ordering is TODAY**

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to take your poinsettias, you may pick them up  
after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

**Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent and Cantata**

- 7:30 a.m. Cantata Reception Set up in Gathering Place
- 8:30 a.m. \*Cantata Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education/Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. \*Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. \*Cantata Service in Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 1:00 p.m. Susquehanna Pipe and Drum

**Monday, December 11**

- 4:00 p.m. Caring Ministry Christmas Hospitality in Gathering Place, Rooms 209 & 210
- 5:45 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in Room 209

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 9:15 a.m. \*Mothers' Bible Study Christmas Brunch in Christine Thomas Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting in Room 209
- 2:30 p.m. Tutoring in Room 209
- 4:00 p.m. Caring Ministry Christmas Hospitality in Gathering Place & Rooms 209 & 210
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed in Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Big Band Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 9:45 a.m. Staff Devotions
- 5:20 p.m. GLOW in Christine Thomas Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Advent Bible Study—Old Parlor

**Thursday, December 14**

- 12:30 p.m. Hospitality is Mission and Ministry in room 209
- 5:00 p.m. KICS in Christine Thomas Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Kiltie Band in Christine Thomas Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. \*Service for the Lord's Day with Communion in Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education/Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. \*Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day in Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Dinner – offsite
- 12:00 p.m. Seniors on Sunday in Christine Thomas Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Susquehanna Pipe and Drum

**Peace Pearl:** *The first and fundamental law of nature is to seek peace and follow it.*

**Prayer Opportunity:** *As you listen to music, pray, "Loving Father, cause me to believe, especially in the midst of hard times, that You are patiently transfiguring all the notes of my life into the Song of Your Son. Amen."*

**Next Sunday, December 17, 2017  
The Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day with Communion in Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Education
- 10:20 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day in Sanctuary

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Focusing on the Lord above,  
Growing side by side,  
Reaching out to share Christ's love  
With the Spirit as our guide.

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