



First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

First Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please, fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

Prelude

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.
Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.
The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Thanksgiving for Baptism (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The liturgist continues with the remainder of the prayer.)

****Hymn No. 113**

Angels We Have Heard on High

****Litany for Christmas (responsively)**

Led by Liturgist

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

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:

Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Amen.

****Choral Response, No. 701 (2 times)**

Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (2 times)

Story Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Found on page 683 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God

Second Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18

Found on pages 91 and 92 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

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Sermon

****Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We believe in the living God, the God of all people, who creates life, and who daily sustains the universe. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, the man of Nazareth, revealer of God and model of all humanity; the greatest gift of love and the guide for all our living. We believe in the Spirit of God, a spirit that inspires us to creative living, and empowers us to be persons of hospitality, compassion, joyfulness and love.

****Hymn No. 110**

Love Has Come

Prayers of the People (Leader) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.

Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts

Call to Offering

Liturgist

Contributions can also be made online at www.fpctullahoma.org

Offertory

****Doxology, No. 607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.

****Charge and Benediction**

****Postlude**

*****All who are able are invited to stand.***

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Brad Sturgill, Liturgist

Announcements for December 29, 2024

Sunday, December 29

10:30 Worship service

11:30 Nominating Committee meeting in the parlor

No program or committee activities on the church calendar this week

Stephen will be away from January 3 – 14. Michael Bradley will be filling the pulpit on January 5 and January 12.

Next Sunday, January 5

9:00 Monthly Sunday school for children aged 3-years-old – 5th grade; meet in Children's Gathering Room.

10:30 Worship service, including sacrament of Holy Communion; Michael Bradley will be the worship leader.