

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List: Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Paul Langford (Dot Langford's brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin's uncle), Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, the family of Kaki Peaslee, Ronan Purcella (great nephew of Danette Heinlein), Mary Lee Reese, Doug Ross, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)

- ◆ We welcome **Pastor Felecia Parsell** as our guest Minister today
- ◆ Please check the calendar downstairs and sign up for **Fellowship for 2023!**
- ◆ Thank you to all of our members who generously supported our annual **Christmas Angel Tree** project. We raised \$1225 for gift certificates for Social Services to distribute those in need this year.
- ◆ Happy Birthday, Carolyn Knicely, who is celebrating her special day on Thursday 1/5!
- ◆ Please don't forget to sign up as a **Duty Elder** if appropriate. The January Calendar is on the bulletin board.



Thought for the Day: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under One License #A- 73950 The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #72 "To God Be the Glory" ;#155 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; #174 "Angels From the Realms of Glory" #174; Service Music: "Star of the East", A. Kennedy, G Cooper; "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson/ Traditional Melody; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach; " 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" Louisa M.R. Stead/William J. Kirkpatrick; Will You Let Me Be Your servant; The Servant Song, Glory to God; the Presbyterian Hymnal, Brentwood Benson Publishing

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Star of the East"

A. Kennedy, G. Cooper

Lynne Bolton

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 148:13)

One: God has come among us. Let us rejoice

All: Praise the Lord of all creation.

One For God's name alone is exalted.

All: God's glory is above heaven and earth. Praise the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Felecia Parsell

Merciful God,

In Christ you came among us, and we rejoice; yet the world groans in hope of redemption. Open our hearts to hear you speak today. By your Spirit give us grace so we may accept the hope beyond hope.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

2 Cents A Meal offering

Hymn

"Will you Let me be Your Servant"

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Hymn: #72

"To God Be the Glory"

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Call to Confession: (Matthew 2)

Like Herod, we hunt down anything that threatens our way of life. When others or life outsmart us, we seek to destroy. Forgive us, Oh God, help us put you and others first. Help us when we are tempted to run from you. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of hope and peace. Amen

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Like King Herod, we hunt down anything that threatens our way of life. When others outsmart us, we seek to destroy. Forgive us, Oh God, Help us put you and others first and flee to you when tempted to stray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession: Amen.

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon:

**One:** We may release past burdens.

**All:** We leave the past in God's hands.

**One:** We may allow the forgiveness and peace of God to reign Supreme. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven

Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.** #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Felecia Parsell

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

Traditional / Hal Hopson

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen** #808

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Felecia Parsell

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Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Felecia Parsell

Old Testament Reading: p. 497 (Pew Bible)

Psalm 62:5,6

Hymn: #155

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

New Testament Reading: p. 941 (Pew Bible)

John 16:30-33

Sermon:

*"Hope Beyond Hope-A New Year's Blessing"*

Pastor Felecia Parsell

Moment for Meditation:

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

J.S. Bach

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostle's Creed

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Hymn: #174

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Postlude:

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

Louisa M.R. Stead / William J. Kirkpatrick

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Psalm 62:5-6

¹⁰ For God alone my soul waits in
silence,
for my hope is from him.
⁶ He only is my rock and my salva-
tion,
my fortress; I shall not be shak-
en.

John 16:30-33

³⁰ Now we know that you know all
things, and need none to question
you; by this we believe that you came
from God.”
³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now
believe?
³² The hour is coming, indeed it has
come, when you will be scattered,
every man to his home, and will leave
me alone; yet I am not alone, for the
Father is with me.
³³ I have said this to you, that in me
you may have peace. In the world
you have tribulation; but be of good
cheer, I have overcome the world.”

#72 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

#155 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 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 everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3 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.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

#174 Angels From the Realms of Glory

1 Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations,
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear. [Refrain]

5 Though an infant now we view him
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.
[Refrain]

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.