

*We welcome you to our worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church!
We are glad you are worshipping with us. If you have questions about our church or
about membership, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the church office
at 817-573-2337 or visit us on our website www.fpcgranbury.org.*

Our Worship, Work, and Life Together

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the expected surge during the holidays, the Session has voted to suspend in-person worship until two weeks after the New Year. Resumption of in-person worship is targeted to resume January 17. Please watch for updated news on our website and in church communications.

Christmas Eve will look a bit different this year but we will still be worshipping and celebrating the birth of Christ in a couple of ways! First, we will re-release the recording of last year's Christmas Eve service in all of its splendor on Christmas Eve this year. In addition, the Worship Committee is planning a live Christmas Eve event in our parking lot. We will share communion (bring your own elements), carol singing, music, candlelight, and plenty of joy! Look for more details to come!

The Session will meet Tuesday, 12/15, at 5:30 PM.

You are welcome to join us for Sacred Space, Thursday, 12/17, at noon in the sanctuary.

Scriptures for Sunday, December 20, 2020

2 Sam. 7.1-11, 16; Ps. 89.1-4, 19-26; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

~Please remember these friends in prayer this week. ~

Ed Smith	Winette Lovelady	Dave Barnett	C.H. Tubbs
Mary Skinner	Eloise Pauli	Dee Holt	Stan Bowlin
J.D. Finlay	Jimmy Callahan	Donna Callahan	Eva Zapata
	Diann McHaney	Ruth Gump	

All those who are lonely and isolated, who are struggling with feeding and caring for their families, who have lost jobs and financial support and who are anxious for the future. Those who are ill with COVID and the healers and health care workers who care for them.

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Third Lord's Day of Advent

December 13, 2020



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Order for the Lord’s Day

We Prepare to Worship God

*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day! -Psalm 96:1-2*

Welcome

Our Life Together

Prelude “Lift Up Your Heads” TRURO

We Gather Around the Word

*Call to Worship

Lord of all Joy, we come before you today with anticipation in our hearts.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and you alone.
As we await the coming of the Christ, may our hearts well up within us.
Our praise cannot be contained because of your great love!
Let us gather to worship God!

*Lighting the Advent Candle — Greg and Pam Gifford

*Hymn 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

*Prayer of Confession

Lord – You are worthy of all of our praise. You are to be glorified. But often, we get caught up in our own circumstances. We get tripped up by the obstacles we see. We lack faith. We are fearful. We fail to look beyond the seen to the unseen. We miss the blessing of welling up in praise...allowing ourselves to be overcome by gratitude...and simply glorifying you with all of our heart, soul, and mind. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us wisdom and humility so that we will be unable to refrain from submitting, praising, and glorifying you with all of our being. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri 581

*Sharing the Peace

Even in the midst of uncertainty, the peace of Christ flows freely.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you.

We Proclaim the Word

First Reading Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Moment with the Children Nancy Worcester

Second Reading Luke 1.46b-55
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon “Overwhelmed By God’s Glory” Brenda Church

Anthem “Still, Still, Still” Arr. Cathy Moglebust
Emily Graham, Handbells; Sherry Johnson, Piano

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)
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.

Offertory

*The Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Go in God’s Name

*Hymn 145 “What Child is This” GREENSLEEVES

*Blessing and Benediction

*Postlude “Prepare Ye, The Way of the Lord” Stephen Schwartz

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Thessalonians 5.23

**Please rise in body or spirit.*