

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

Happy New Year! May God bless us in 2021 so that we can, in turn, be a blessing to others. 2020 was a difficult year, but our God is faithful. We are thankful for you!

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 at least two weeks after the New Year. Please watch for updated news on our website and in church communications.

We will "Undeck the Halls" tomorrow, January 4th, at 10:00am. If you are able, please plan to attend. Many hands make light work! We are thankful for those who worked to Deck the Halls at the beginning of Advent and for all who worked to bring about the Parking Lot Christmas Eve Communion Service. Thank you for your creativity and participation.

You are invited to join us for Sacred Space each Thursday at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in our sanctuary for prayer and reflection. We are thankful for Jane Seley and her dedication to Sacred Space as she shares her gift of music with us each week.

As part of our service for January 10th, we will ordain and install our new elders. We are thankful for the gifts and willingness of those who have agreed to serve on our Session.

Scriptures for Sunday, January 10, 2021
Genesis 1.1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

~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	Diann McHaney
Lorraine Schmitz	Jerry Althouse	John Stahlman	Mark Higgins
Martha Farrell			

All those who have been affected by COVID. May God heal and strengthen each one.

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Second Lord's Day of Christmas

January 3, 2021



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Order for the Lord's Day

We Prepare to Worship God

*Our call to war to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor, and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died — an inheritance of nations!
Arise, shine for your light has come! Arise, shine for the Risen Son!
Lift your eyes! We are His radiant bride! Arise, O church, arise!
—Keith and Kristyn Getty*

Welcome

Our Life Together

Prelude "Bethlehem Morning" Morris Chapman

We Gather Around the Word

***Call to Worship**

Come, hear the Christmas news:
Jesus Christ is born!
Come, sing the Christmas story:
Jesus Christ is born!
Come, worship the Christmas Child!
Jesus Christ is born!

***Hymn 152** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR LM*

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving Father — You are the source of all life. In you all things are revealed... all things become clear...all things are redeemed and made new. We confess, Lord, that we hold onto habits and shortcomings that we know are not worthy of a child of God. We even, often, hate the things that keep us from you. But we are fearful of bringing them into the light. Forgive us Lord. Embrace us as we step into your light and shake off our shackles. Free us for joyful obedience and peace we have never yet known. We long for that, Lord. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri 581**

***Sharing the Peace**

The Light has come and his peace shines within us!
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Proclaim the Word

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60.1-6

A Moment with the Children

Nancy Worcester

Second Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3.1-12

The Sermon

"Arise! Shine!"

Brenda Church

Anthem

"We Three Kings"
FPC Bell Choir

***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

"In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach

***The Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Go in God's Name

***Hymn 150**

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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***Blessing and Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

"And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road." Matthew 2.12