

First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas



Early Church Symbol Manus Dei (Hand of God)

This symbol depicts not only the almighty creative power of the Maker of Heaven and Earth, but also the mercy and love of God our Father in the hollow of whose hand we live and move and have our being. It is found on the pulpit located in the sanctuary.



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The First Noel"

arr. Jerry Ray

Call to Worship | responsive

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Let us celebrate the Light of the world, for upon us has the Light shined.

*Hymn

["Angels, from the Realms of Glory"](#)

No. 143

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

God of All Creation, you come to us in Jesus Christ so that we might know you. You speak, but we do not hear your voice. You call, but we do not listen. You reach out to us, but we turn away. You stand among us, but we do not see you. Forgive our mistakes, our misplaced priorities, our shallow commitments. We have squandered your gifts of grace and truth. Awaken us to your presence. Give us eyes to see you and hearts to love you, for we long to be made new. Amen.

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love

God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*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.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Avery Haywood Barrick

Response to Baptism (8:30)

**"Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to Thee; Grant to them Thy dearest blessing,
Let Thine arms around them be. Now enfold them in Thy goodness, from all danger keep them free."**

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer | **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.**

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Katy Schafer

*Hymn

["Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"](#)

No. 119

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18

Sermon

"Second Sight"

Judy Pidcock

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Love Has Come"](#)

No. 110

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*) | **We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

arr. Stephen Fiess

*Doxology | **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | **Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

"Joy to the World"

arr. Jerry Ray

* All those who are able may stand.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and given in memory of Dick and Betsy Shiels by Bob and Bill Shiels.

Upcoming Events Listing

Staff Holiday and Office Closure

All church staff offices will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022 for the New Year.

All **Upcoming Events** can be found on our website www.fpcraleigh.org under the **Church Life** menu.

Reminders

FPC Shares Donations for January is canned fruit or applesauce.

The item for the month of January is canned fruit or applesauce. We ask that you drop off your donations at one of the receptacles located in the Edge Lobby or in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space right outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support to strengthen this mission of the church.

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