



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Kilgore, Texas

**December 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday of Christmas**

Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say.*

PRELUDE

*HYMN 119

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God's people and a light to all.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of Your Word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted Your good news to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***RESPONSE**

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.**

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Mighty God, the shepherds of old were full of Your praises,
saying that all they had heard and seen was mirrored by what
they had been told. Move among us now with Your Holy Spirit,
that we too might hear and experience the wonder and joy of
the living Word as we seek to welcome the written Word into
our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 115**

Away in a Manger

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Expecting the Unexpected: The View from the Holy Family

Dr. Bill Holda

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Holy Infant's Lullaby

Sleep, sleep. O, rest you, holy infant, close your eyes to the star shining
bright. Sleep in the arms of your mother who sings to you through the
night. A la ru, a la me, a la ru, a la me. a la ru, a la ru, a la me. Sleep,
sleep, the angels sing praises in heaven while Mary sings lullaby loo.
Dream of a day, gentle baby, when man learns love from you.
A la ru, a la me, a la ru, a la me. a la ru, a la ru, a la me.
Sleep, Holy Child, Holy Child.

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

***HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Worship continues with our service in life.

Worship Leaders

Dr. Bill Holda, Guest Preacher
Gala Eubank Strunk, Organist-Choirmaster
Lindsay Farrow, Preston Orr, Taylor Owings,
Blake Stephens, Choir Ensemble
Lindsay Farrow, Soloist

Session

Class of 2020

Jerry Camp
Ryan Griffin
Debby Leppert
Jan Wylie

Class of 2021

Janie Dickerson
Trey Hattaway
Tom Sartor
Terry Thrower

Class of 2022

David Castles
Brian Johnson
Janie Terrell
Pat Watson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 27 - January 3

TODAY 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
FRIDAY *New Year's Day*
SATURDAY Saturday Bread – Maryanne Harris
SUNDAY NEXT 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Joys and Concerns

(*members of FPC; *friends and family of congregation)

* Rexine Burden	* Verner Laird
* Nicholas Little	* Dalton Mixon
* David Nixon	* Tine Zapata
* Raymond Bazinet	* Sylvia Bolding
* Joe Brown	* Tara Castles
* Max Brant Crim	* Linda Curkan
* Legene Gay	* Ashley Haden
* Kenzie Hyatt	* Don Kiser
* Tillman Latham	* Jimmy Love
* Donna Marshall	* Pat McCrory
* Rex McCubbin	* David McElroy
* Dayne Neal	* Larry Perkins
* Bill Pybas	* Charlotte Reed
* Gordon Reed	* Glenda Reid
* Cecelia & Roland Sanders	* Sharon Schoenemann
* Jamie Stephens	* Danny Strickland
* Billie Clower Watson	* Larry & Linda Willis
* Carly Wimberley	

In Service to our Country

Jacob Conner	Brent Duvall
Robert Gray	Gavin Jackson

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary for Advent are in Memory of:

Frank Brown
Nelwyn Collum
Lynn Currin
Winston & June Gardner
Elsie & George Gause
Helen Goodwin
Nancy Grisham
Bill & Jean Hughes
Gore & Betty Kemp
Lance Harlan Laird
Marion Lightfoot
James E. & Virginia Mankins
John Mobley
Mr & Mr J A Monroe
Jeff Moore & Family
Thomas & Waurine Nixon
Jerry & Shalia Pybas
Bill & Imogene Rivers
Martha Rorschach
Caroline Ross
Mr & Mrs Sam Ross
Ebbeye & Joe John Short
Katherine Smylie
William R Smylie
Betty Spradlin
Edwin G. & Justine Stanley
Billy Bob & Jane Terrell
J B & Dorothy Watson
Linda Watson
Bobbie Wylie

And in Honor of:

Lila Currin
Kathryn Dean
Joe & Ella Gorman
Burke Green
Grayson & Emma LaCroix
Sophie Leppert
Jimmy Thrower
Graham & Jack Tyra