

# First Presbyterian Church

December 27, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

Matt Schultz – Pastor

Jan Gruhn-Organist

Bill Hazelton-Liturgist

**Prelude:** Gloria Albrecht

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

✠ **Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #173

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**All: Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**All: Shout and sing praises to God.**

Leader: We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.

**All: We have seen the Lord’s greatness.**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**All: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord.**

**Time of Reconciliation**

Leader: God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

**All: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**All: So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: We confess our sin to God in the silence of our own hearts

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God**

Response *Gloria Patri* #805

**All: 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.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Children**

Choral Anthem “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming” Praetorius

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40 Page 1015

Sermon Pastor Matt

The Response

✠ **Hymn** “Once in Royal David’s City” #161

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Arr., Wood

**Response**

**Doxology**

**#809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## Prayer of Dedication 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**            “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”        #146

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude**            “ Good Christian Men Rejoice”        Arr., Held

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*Anna and Simeon*