

First Presbyterian Church
January 1st, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz– Pastor
David Hagen- Music Director
Marie Matetich - Organist

Prelude: “Greensleeves” Vaughn Williams

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “The First Noel” #152

Time of Reconciliation Liturgist Bill Hazelton

Leader: God, you search us and know us, and our hearts and souls are open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

All: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: For all of the bad things that we have done, and for all of the good things that we have left undone, we offer our confession.

All: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: For when we sing sweet sentiments over Christ's birth, and fail to rejoice over his everyday presence, we offer our confession.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

Leader: We pause now for a 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 the Peace

Kid's Time

Choral Anthem “O Hearken Ye”

Special Music Sudanese Congregation
Blessing of Nyadeng Gatkuoth

Scripture Isaiah 43:16-21 Page 719
Revelation 21:1-7 Page 1230

Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

Baptism of Elizabeth Teresa Marie Smith

Parents: Nicholas and Sarah Smith

God Parents: Stacy Vega and Ben Gray

✠ **Hymn** “Wise Men, They Came to Look” #186

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

Offertory “Sing We Noel” Dupre

Response

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

Pastoral prayer/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** “This is a Time to Remember” #792

Benediction Chancel Choir

Postlude: “In Dulci Jubilo” JS Bach

Announcements for January 1, 2017

Calendar

Sun, Jan 1	9:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
Sun, Jan 1	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wed, Jan 4	5:15pm	C&E Meeting
Wed, Jan 4	5:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed, Jan 4	6:00pm	Handbells
Wed, Jan 4	7:00pm	Choir
Thurs, Jan 5	10:00am	Pioneer Home Service
Thurs, Jan 5	5:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thurs, Jan 5	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting

Mark your calendars for our annual **Epiphany Brunch and Party** on Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 am. Celebrate with us as we welcome the Magi to the manger! FPC will provide the gold, frankincense, and myrrh and you are invited to bring a food item (egg dish, muffins, bread, fruit, etc.) for the brunch. The party will include a "Baby Shower for Jesus" with donations going to Covenant House Passage Home. Suggested donations include diapers, sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets, t-shirts, baby wipes, shampoo, and lotion. Gifts can be left in the CE office if you cannot come to the party.

All 7th-12th grade youth are invited to the annual **MLK Youth Mission Immersion Weekend** to be held on Jan. 13-14. The weekend provides an opportunity for youth from around Alaska to gather together for worship and recreation on Friday night and service in the Anchorage area on Saturday. The event will be held at St John's United Methodist Church. Registration is \$30 and one can register online at: stjohnseagle.com. If you have questions please contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com).

Starting January 8th- Don't forget **Primary Choir** practice is every Sunday Morning at 10:35 am in the Fellowship Hall!

Please take the new Our Daily Bread and These Days in the pews.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 1, 2017

See,
I am doing a
new thing

Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?
- Isaiah 43:9

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