

First Presbyterian Church  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am – Morning Worship  
Matthew Schultz – Pastor  
David Hagen – Music Director  
Marie Matetich – Organist

**Prelude:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hobby

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Matthew Schultz

**Introit** Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn** “Good Christians Friends, Rejoice” #157

**Time for Reconciliation** Liturgist Scott Gruhn

(from the Book of Common Worship)

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We confess our sin now in a shared moment of silence.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always - again, we say, REJOICE!**

✠ **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**

**Special Music** “Gesu Bambino” Kaylee Vardeman

**Kid’s Time**

**Scripture** Psalm 150 Page 624

**Sermon** Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #170

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

**Offertory** “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” Bach

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**

**Pastor 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** “Time Is a Time to Remember” #792

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “In Dulci Jubilo” Bach

## Announcements for December 31, 2017

Sunday, December 31	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, January 1	6:30 pm	Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
Tuesday, January 2	5:15 pm	Christian Education Meeting (Rm 8)
Wed, January 3	6:00 pm	Handbells
Wed, January 3	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday, January 4	10:00 am	Pioneer Home Service
Thursday, January 4	5:30 pm	Trustee Meeting (Library)
Thursday, January 4	5:30 pm	Mission Committee (Room 8)
Sunday, January 7	9:30 am	Epiphany Brunch and Party
Sunday, January 7	10:35 am	Children's Choir
Sunday, January 7	11:00 am	Worship

Mark your calendars for our annual **Epiphany Brunch and Party** on Sunday, January 7 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.

Year End Giving: If you plan to give before the end of 2017, please have all monies to the office by today, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generous giving for 2017.

The office will be open for regular hours starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
December 31, 2017



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