

Sunday, December 29, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship
First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Benedictus

A. Rowley

Celebrating God's Presence

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Kent Webber

Carol

The First Nowell

Hymn #56

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought. *Refrain*

Carol

What Child is This

Hymn #53

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain.*

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Dale Flowers

Leader: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights [as children of God].

People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

People: Yet to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

People: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Greeting One Another

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture

Rev. 21:1-8; 22; 22:5

Elaine Carlson
Carlene Malone

Sermon

“The Promise of A Future”
The Power of A Promise 2019 Advent Sermon Series

Rev. Dr. Kent Webber

Hymn

Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending

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Jesus comes with clouds descending; see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign!
Every eye shall then behold You robed in awesome majesty;
Those who jeered at him and mocked and sold You,
Pierced and nailed You to the tree, shamed and grieving,
Shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving, shall their true Messiah see.
Yes, Amen! Let all adore You high on Your eternal throne;
Crowns and empires fall before You, claim the kingdom for Your own;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Come Lord Jesus, everlasting Christ, come down!

Encouraging God's People

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dale Flowers

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.

Offering

Offertory

The Wexford Carol

Arr. S. Stanford

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Serving God's World

Carol

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Hymn #29

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

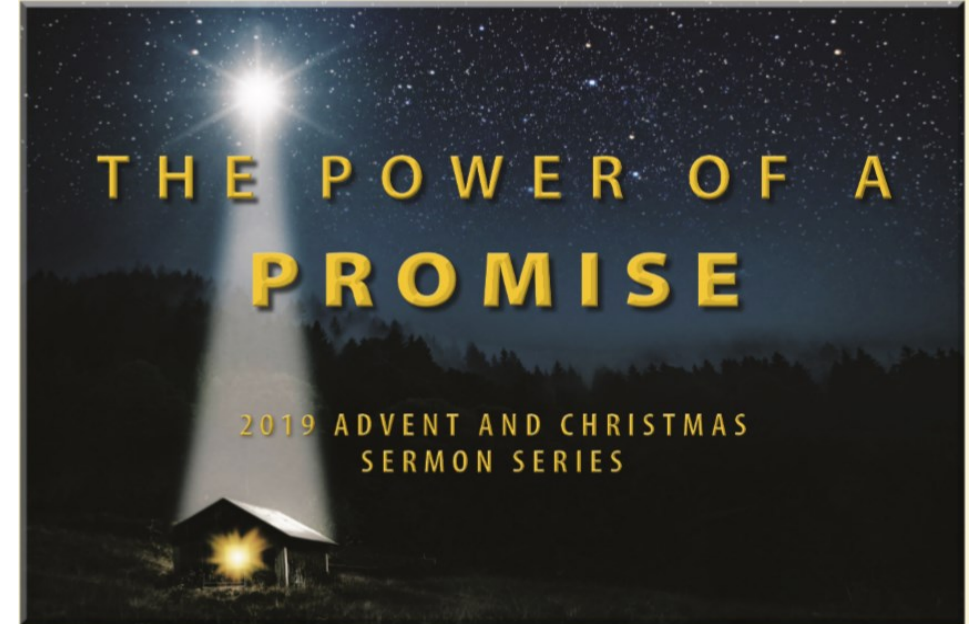
Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fantasy on "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Arr. B. Simmons

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church



Good morning and welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We gather to celebrate the presence of the living God. We are so glad that you have chosen to join us. We believe church is so much more than a building or even a single service, it is about being part of the community of God together.

It is our hope that you will be able to relax, worship God, and know you are among friends. No one here is perfect, we are all on the same journey! In the pew racks, please find a welcome card. We invite you to fill it out and place it in the offering or give to an usher. If you have questions, please ask at the Connect Center.

Dale

Dale Flowers, Pastor