



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)
[Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)]
Starkville, Mississippi
December 27, 2020
1st Sunday at Christmas

Order of Worship

Prelude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Greeting (From Titus 2:1-11)

One: The grace of God has appeared,

All: Bringing salvation to all!

Hymn #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, You have shed upon us the light of Your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Luke 2:22-40

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and

was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in on holly catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

“Nativity Figures...In the Wings”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude *In the Bleak Midwinter*

PRAYER LIST:

If you would like to add a request or removal to our list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or nancybryson68@gmail.com) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

Here are the most recent additions: **Malone Phillips** (COVID patient in ICU); **Family of Carolyn Wofford**; **New FPCUSA Property Work**; **Local COVID Cases Increase**. Please keep these and all those on the list below in your prayers.

David Earnest	Ellen Goodman	Rev. Wil Howie
Susan Scales Huffman	Rev. Chris Kiepe	Jetta Kuykendall
Jason Landry & family	Rev. Jerry Long	Johnny McReynolds
Richard Mullenax	Elizabeth Richardson	Bettye Seepe
Elizabeth Vance	Clyde Williams	Josephine Zitta

Please be in constant prayer for those suffering with COVID 19, and those who care for them, those with addictions, homelessness, loneliness, hunger, mental illness, the unemployed, prisoners and the poor.

SUSPENSION OF ‘FACE TO FACE’ SERVICES. Out of an abundance of caution, and with love and care for our community and congregation, we continue to suspend all face to face services (worship, social, choir, etc.) for the immediate future. The Session reviews this decision at each stated meeting. **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 7, 2021.** Please contact any Elder or Ron if you have questions or comments

PIANIST. We would like to thank our pianist for the morning, Lynette McDougald.

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