

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICHITA FALLS

January 2, 2022

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away

J .S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | Adapted from Psalm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;

Let the many coastlands be glad.

Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** | Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning!, No. 505 (see p. 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear heavenly Father, forgive us for our sins. We sin against You daily in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned by what we have done and by what we have not done. Forgive us for not striving to do Your will. Forgive us for forgetting our first true love, help us to return always to You. Forgive us for not loving You with our whole hearts. Forgive us for not loving everyone the way we ought. Have mercy on us oh God. Hear now our private confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

HYMN OF PRAISE | Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning!, No. 505

Thomas Hastings Lowell Mason

1. Hail to the bright-ness of Zi-on's glad morn-ing!
2. Hail to the bright-ness of Zi-on's glad morn-ing,

Joy long to the lands that in dark-ness have lain!
by the proph-ets of Is-rael fore-told!

Hushed be the ac-cents of sor-row and mourn-ing;
Hail to the mil-lions from bond-age re-turn-ing!

Zi-on in tri-umph be-gins her mild reign.
Gen-tiles and Jews the blest vi-sion be-hold.

*SONG OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE | As with Gladness Men of Old, No. 174

William C. Dix Conrad Kocher

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore Him Whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to Thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Leviticus 12 p. 90 in pew Bible

*GLORY TO THE FATHER

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

Luke 2:22-40 p. 857 in pew Bible
“Who Is This Child” | Rev. Michael Morris

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God’s redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at myfirstpres.org/giving or text “give” to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM | There Are Angels Hov’rin’ Roun’ Uzee Brown, Jr.

*There are angels hov’rin’ roun’.
In the new Jerusalem.
The angels came to tell of the King,
to tell of the hope an’ the joy He’d bring.
Listen, children, to the angels sing.
Do you know Him, Christ the Lord?
Let us praise Him, Christ the King!
There are angels hov’rin’ roun’.*

*DOXOLOGY

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

*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 at 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy 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.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, No. 141 (see p. 6)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE To God We Render Thanks and Praise J. S. Bach

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

*SENDING HYMN | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, No. 141

Charles Wesley

Carl G. Gläser

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. Je - sus, the Name that charms our fears, that

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the

God and King, the tri - umphs of His and grace!
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Announcements

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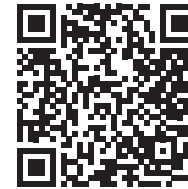
EVERYONE

Office Administrator Position Filled

Hayden Cowan has returned to the First Pres staff as the Office Administrator. We are happy to welcome a familiar face back. Join us in welcoming him.

Family Night Supper

On January 19th we host our annual Chili Cook-Off in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$6/person and \$20/family of four or more. Scan the QR code or call the church office to RSVP.



YOUTH

Youth Group Break

Youth group will return on Wednesday, January 19th.

CHILDREN

Children's Choir

First practice of the new year will be on January 5th from 6:00-6:30 PM in the theater.

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Michael Hansen, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Michael Morris, Assistant Pastor/Director of Student Ministries

Lance Hargis, Director of Music

Dustin Fike, Director of Contemporary Music

Dr. Ron Hough, Organist

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