Welcome

We gladly welcome you to the First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Huntsville, Texas, trusting that if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here; if sorrowing, receive comfort; if troubled in spirit, you will rejoice in hope; if friendless, find companionship. First Presbyterian has an active Sunday School Program and several thriving ministries that serve our community and world. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will join us. Please speak to our pastor or any member if you need more information about us. May God's blessing be upon you and yours during the coming week.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

All: ***"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias are in the Narthex. **There is no set cost for the poinsettias, please donate what you feel is appropriate.** Everyone will get one poinsettia, but you can remember or honor as many folks as you wish. Proceeds (after cost of the poinsettias) will benefit our Mission and Outreach ministry.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you have a joy or concern to share with the congregation, please complete a "Prayer Request" card and place in the basket in the Narthex before worship begins. Prayer lists can be found in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Canned corn, baked beans, and green beans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Continued

Once again, we're joining the Lion's Club with a project. We will be collecting new and gently used coats for children. **Sizes needed: 3, 4, 5, 14, and 16.** There is a box in the Narthex for this ministry.

This Week

Today, December 5 — 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent

"Angel Tree" Tags Available

3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Experiential Advent Centers - Sanctuary

Upcoming

Monday, December 6 — ***6:00 P.M. Red Stocking Dinner***

Thursday, December 9 — ***7:00 P.M. Belle Chanson Concert – Sanctuary***

Sunday, December 12 — 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent

"Angel Tree" Presents Due

6:00 P.M. Tidings of Comfort & Joy Service - Chapel

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*** Hymn - # 125** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Anthem *"Manger Medley"*
By Russell Mauldin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *Malachi 3:1-4*

Scripture Reading *Luke 3:1-6*

Message *"Highways to Heaven"*

*** Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Insert)*

Celebration of The Lord's Supper
- **Invitation to the Lord's Table**
- **Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**
- **Words of Institution**
- **Communion of God's People**
- **Prayer after Communion**

All: ***God of new beginnings, You draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle the fire of Your Spirit in us , may Your light shine through us so that all may welcome Your Son at His coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.***

*** Hymn - # 104** *"Once in Royal David's City"*

*** Charge & Benediction**

*** Postlude** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*
"Truro" (Psalmodia Evangelica))

An offering plate is located in the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Huntsville

WHERE OUR MISSION IS:
To Know Christ and Make Him Known.

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

SOUNDING THE GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP, LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *"Canon de Noël"*

Johann Pachelbel (c.1653-1706)

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

One: Last Sunday, we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, Who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

All: The second candle of Advent is the candle of peace. Peace is a word that we hear a lot. It is one the things we hope for. Christ brought peace when He first came to us and He will bring everlasting peace when He comes again.

One: The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." When Jesus came He taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called children of God.

All: We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him, peace is found.

One: Peace is like light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ. Let's pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT - # 117 *"Still, Still, Still"*

*** HYMN OF PRAISE - # 79** *" O Come, O Come, Emanuel"*

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*** YOU ARE INVITED TO STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT**

RESPONSIVE READING *The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)*

One: "Blessed by the Lord God of Israel; for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them.

All: He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His servant David,

One: as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,

All: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

One: Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and remembered His holy covenant,

All: the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,

One: in holiness and righteousness before Him all of our days.

All: And you child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

One: to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

RESPONSE - # 159 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* **(*v. 3*)**

"Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast."

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Offertory *"Good Christians All, Rejoice" (ala Bahamas)*

Tune: *"In dulci jubilo"*, German, 14th c.

*** Doxology**

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen."

*** Prayer of Dedication**