

First Presbyterian Church



**January 6, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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Epiphany of the Lord

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Prelude

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Raymond Haan

**Processional

Katelyn Young

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

No. 63

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! **Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use.** Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sympathy-The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Warren Lewis. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Booher by the Booher family.

Praying for the Church Family—As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Liz Norris & family, David Wade, Marc Turman,, Jane McHugh, and Rebecca Blanford.

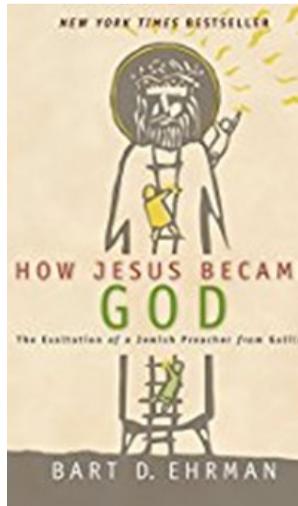
If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

Journeys Class for January

“THE END OF THE AGE: Apocalypse, Tribulation, Revelation, and Hope”

How should we as Christians view the end of time? Is it a time for fear or hope? What does Jesus have to say? What about Biblical scholars and TV evangelists? We will look at the Book of Revelation, the Gospels, the Old Testament, and other sources as we consider the Last Days. So, if you want to know more about the Apocalypse, the Millennium, the Rapture, and other topics, join us beginning January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the group in a provocative journey through the end times. No reading required; come join us!



Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Ehrman as to why he wrote this book, "As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God." Come to the class beginning January 9th to find out. Pastor Brent

Books can be purchased online for approximately \$15.00 dollars.

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs will resume on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have a sign up available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Music

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Gilbert Martin

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come

No. 411

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Choral Response

Song of Simeon

No. 604

**Recessional

*Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old

Janet Linker

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Connors

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney

To all who volunteer your time, resources and efforts to support the church activities, missions, members and operations. We appreciate all you do and give! Thank you for your contributions and have a blessed 2019!



Calendar

Sunday, January 6

Communion

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)
- 9:30 Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)
- 12:00 Epiphany Luncheon (EDR)
- 2:00 Melodrama Casting (EDR)

Tuesday, January 8

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
- 5:30 CE/Evangelism Mtg (*The Well*)
- 5:30 Finance Mtg (Hobbs)

Wednesday, January 9

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor)
- 6:15 James Rings (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 10

- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 11:00 Economy Corner Luncheon (WDR)
- 4:30 Promote the Growth (*The Well*)

Friday, January 11

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

Saturday, January 12

- 9:00 Garden & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)
- 9:30 Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)



Please join us for the Epiphany Luncheon after today's 10:45 service.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

*The Peace
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem Harold Darke
In the Bleak Midwinter
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Asael Gonzalez, Tenor

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Salvation for the Nations"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Hymn of Response No. 69
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Call to Stewardship
Offertory David Wilcox
Waiting for a Miracle
Steve Bixler, Bass

Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.