December 1, 2019                     1st Sunday of Advent                     10:45 a.m.
Prelude                                      Prelude on ‘Divinum Mysterium’               arr. Fred Bock
**Processional                             Iain Cline
Introit                                       O Come, O Come Emmanuel               Adapt. Thomas Helmore
Greetings

*Call to Worship
   Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord.
   People: when I will fulfill the promise.
   Leader: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
   People: and he shall execute justice and righteousness.
   Leader: Let us Worship God

*Hymn and Procession of Creche             Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus           No. 2

Lighting of the Advent Candle
   Today is the First Sunday of Advent.... (Light the first candle).
   Let us pray: O God of Advent, we find ourselves waiting for your coming this year
like we did last year and the year before and the year before. Like the first
Christians we can become discouraged by your delay in coming to us. Help us, O
God, to recapture our hope as we tell the story of your coming to us as a baby born
in Bethlehem as we wait for your Second Coming. Help us to remember that we
are not only counting the days until Christmas but also when you will return to set
up your kingdom. Amen.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
   God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
   We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.
   In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Silence
Choral Response
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 (In English & Swahili)  
*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Anthem  
*Mary's Little Boy Chile*  
Youth Choir

Second Reading (In English & Swahili)  
*Matthew 24:36-44*

*Affirmation of Faith-Apostles Creed*  
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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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Stewardship  
*Scholarships for El Salvador*  
D.J. Spaeth

Offertory  
*Let all the Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Arr. Robert Hobby  
Chancel Choir  
(Text can be found in Hymnal #5)

*Doxology*  
No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication*

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration  
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution

Communion of the People
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Music Adoro Devote arr. Richard Warner

Prayer after Communion (In English & Swahili)

Hymn Songs by WRCC Choir

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hal Hopson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Archives Open House
The Annual Christmas Open House in the Archives will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, from 10:00 until noon. The congregation is invited to drop by for refreshments and a time to browse through the exhibits in the Archives. Feel free to bring a friend as well

Worship Leaders
Pastor Brent Johnston
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Gary Huffman
Urgent need for socks, hats and gloves!

Saturday, December 7, is our next community breakfast. We would like to be able to provide each of the estimated 210 guests with a pair of socks, a stocking cap, and gloves. As of 11-19-19 we are running short of items. We only have 32 pair of men’s gloves (extra large are needed), 21 caps, 42 pair of black socks and 26 pairs of white socks (white, heavy, cotton socks are needed for guests who have foot problems).

We have no socks for women and 14 hat and gloves. We could use 6 more hats and gloves and 24 pair of socks for women. We have plenty of warm items for toddlers and children. Please place items in the box outside the church office by Sunday, December 1. Thank you for your kind donations.

Share the Flowers!
Several folks have spoken to me about the possibility of sharing the cost of the Sunday flowers for the Sanctuary, and we have already done this on a couple of occasions. However, if more people are interested, I am very much in favor. The flower ministry is such an important part of our church service each week. It will mean more actual donors, but that can be a good thing.

If you are interested in participating with the shared flower donations, please let me know. I do ask that you contact me by email, mshef1@cox.net, leaving your name and phone number. I hope to hear from you, and this will begin in the new year. -Marilyn Heffner

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN!
Our “Grace and Gratitude” campaign continues. To date we have received 90 pledges for a total of $315,552.00. The Stewardship Committee thanks you and wants to remind you that if you are still planning to pledge it is not too late. You can find pledge cards on the table outside of the office. Thank you.

DRIVERS NEEDED!!
As you know, one of FPC’s missions is our Transportation Service. We provide transportation for those who are no longer able to drive. Members of our service are so grateful as there is no other service like ours.

At this time, we are in desperate need of regular drivers as well as substitute drivers. You will not be sorry, and you will meet many interesting people in our community! Please consider joining this mission. Contact Bruce Cole for more information. Call, email or text at 316-250-4577 or bpvcole@gmail.com.

Matthew 25 Education Film Series Begins
At the September Session meeting, First Presbyterian Church became a Matthew 25 Church committed to addressing systemic poverty issues, racial issues, and congregational vitality.

Towards that end, the Mission Commission is sponsoring three films on Wednesday night from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on November 27, and December 4, to be shown in The Well.

November 27, we will be showing a film by KSU Documentary on Refugees and their struggle to put down roots. December 4, we will be watching a webinar on “Healing the Wounds of Privilege.” The Mission Commission hopes you will come to one or more of these films. Discussions will follow.

Services for Advent and Christmas

December 8, 2019—Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Chapel, Lighting of Advent Candles
10:45 am Sanctuary, Lighting of Advent Candles

December 15, 2019—Third Sunday of Advent
No 8:30 am service
10:45 am Sanctuary, Lighting of Advent Candles, Adult Choirs performing Christmas music

December 22, 2019—Fourth Sunday of Advent
No 8:30 am service
10:45 am Sanctuary, Lighting of Advent Candles, Special Guest Visitor

December 24, 2019—Christmas Eve
6:30 pm extended Prelude
7:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Candlelight service

December 29, 2019—First Sunday after Christmas
No 8:30 am service
10:45 am Sanctuary—Lessons and Carols

January 5, 2020—Second Sunday after Christmas
8:30 am Chapel, communion
10:45 am Sanctuary, communion
12:00 pm Epiphany Luncheon and Big Bang Bingo
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.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in the loving memory of our wife and mother, Carina, by Phil and Kip Michel

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: Chris Fox & Shea Kang Hew and family. Esther Harrington, Terri Hawkins, Liz Lang, Carol Seek, and Donovan McCall.

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.