



# Farragut Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after  
Christmas Day

December 31, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.  
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;  
in its quietness, God's peace.*

## ~The Gathering~

Greeting

Paul Johnson

Prelude

*Paeon on Joy to the World*  
Linda Stutzenberger, organ

Lasky

Call to Worship (*excerpted from Psalm 148*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him  
from the heights!

**Praise him all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his  
command!**

Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all rulers of the  
earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is  
exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth,  
 in Jesus Christ you came among us as light  
 shining in darkness.  
 We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
 or trusted good news to be good.  
 We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
 expecting little and hoping for less.  
 Forgive our doubt and renew our hope,  
 so we may receive the fullness of your grace and live  
 in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

*Please continue in silent prayer*

\*Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Picardy

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have\_ mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have\_

mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have\_ mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Response #23 (refrain) *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

\*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**As you led Simeon to embrace the infant Jesus, guide us, Holy Spirit, by your gracious light that we may welcome your saving Word. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (unison; Tune: Picardy)

Morgan

**Praise God in the highest heaven,  
Sun and moon and stars in space;  
Sing, O angels, of God's goodness;  
Tell, you ordered skies, God's grace.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Who but God your course can trace?**

**All the earth will shout God's praises,  
Mountain peaks and ocean floor;  
Wind and fire and beast and forest,  
Hill and desert, vale and shore.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Honor God whom you adore.**

**Rise, O child of God, in wonder  
At creation's majesty;  
Young and old, God's glory claiming,  
Praise the Lord in unity.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Now and for eternity.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Hope in Desert Times”

Rev. John L. Muntz

*“...for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.”*

Luke 2:30-31

## ~The Response~

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Galatians 4:4-7*)

**When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because we are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

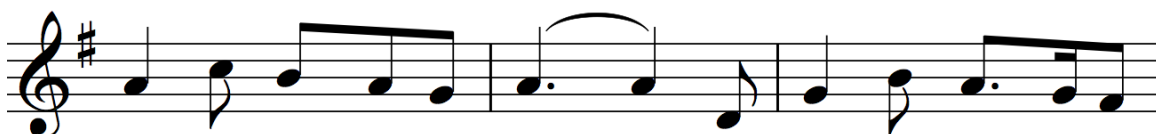
\*Hymn

*If I Could Visit Bethlehem*

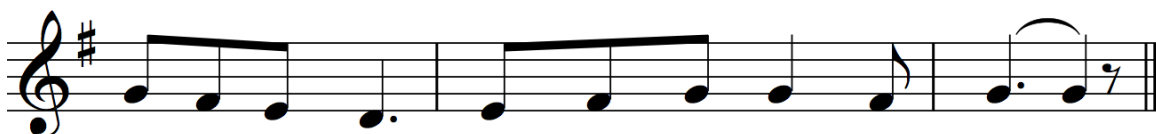
Brian Wren/  
William Rowan



1. If I could vis - it Beth - le - hem, what  
2. I would - n't take\_\_ a mod - ern toy, but  
3. I'd learn some sim - ple words\_\_ to speak in  
4. If Ma - ry asked\_\_ me who\_\_ I was and  
5. I'd say "He'll nev - er hurt\_\_ or kill, and  
6. I can - not vis - it Beth - le - hem, but



pre - sents would\_ I bring?\_ If I could see\_\_ what  
gold to pay\_\_ for bread,\_\_ Some wine to give\_\_ his  
Ar - a - ma - ic tongue.\_ I'd cra - dle him,\_\_ and  
what her child\_\_ would do.\_\_\_ I would - n't talk\_\_ a -  
joy will fol - low tears.\_\_ We'll know his name\_\_ and  
what I can\_\_ I'll do:\_\_\_ I'll love you, Je - sus



hap - pened then, what would I say or sing?  
par - ents joy, and wool to warm his bed.  
kiss\_\_ his cheek, and say "I'm glad you've come."  
bout\_\_ the cross, or tell her all I knew.  
love\_\_ him still in twen - ty hun - dred years."  
as\_\_ my friend, and give my life to you.

The Offering

Offertory  
\*Response #592  
\*Prayer of Dedication

*In Sweet Rejoicing*  
*Doxology*

Dupre  
Old Hundredth

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...*)

### **~The Sending~**

\*Hymn #51                      *See Amid the Winter's Snow*                      Humility

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response: #23 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\*Postlude                      *From Heaven Above*                      Held  
Linda Stutzenberger, organ



\*We invite you to stand as able.

*Welcome to Farragut Presbyterian Church!*  
*We are glad you have joined us for worship today.*



**Please register your presence in the friendship folders located at the end of each pew.** We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship after worship today in the narthex.

Our guest minister today, the **Rev. John L. Muntz**, is actively retired after 45 years of ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has served congregations in seven states and currently is parish associate of the Westminster Church in Knoxville. In the summer of 2012, he served this church as interim pastor. We are blessed to have Rev. Muntz back today at Farragut Presbyterian Church to lead us in worship!

Special thanks to **Dr. Linda Stutzenberger**, our guest organist, in leading us so beautifully in today's music in worship.

**Liturgist:** Paul Johnson

**Reader:** Mikie Lancaster

**Acolytes:** Mia Key, Graham Morrell, Parker Morrell



### This Week at FPC!

Sun, Dec 31	10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Jan 01	****	***	<b>OFFICE CLOSED/Happy New Year!</b>
Tues, Jan 02	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/Education Wing, FH
	7:00	p.m.	New Member Development/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	PW Evening Circle #4/Room D
Wed, Jan 03	7:30	a.m.	Prayer at Panera/Turkey Creek
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Room A
Thurs, Jan 04	6:30	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Wilson Home
Fri, Jan 05	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	TGIF Gentle Yoga Class/Room A
Sat, Jan 06	10:00	a.m.	<b>Un-Deck the Halls!</b>
	10:00	a.m.	<b>Yoga Orientation/Room A</b>

## Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Children	Education Wing	Pre-K and Elementary classes use <i>Whirl</i> , where children practice reading the Bible and discerning what God is saying to them thru a fun DVD enhanced curriculum. <i>On break until 01/07/18</i>
Youth	Education Wing	Youth will use <i>Connect</i> , a quirky DVD series which launches students into discussions of reading the Bible from a Reformed perspective. <i>On break until 01/07/18</i>
Adult Bible Study Class	Room A	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . This winter's study focuses on "Faith in Action," and will help us see the many dimensions of Christian faith and how they are expressed in our lives, church, and service to others in the world.
Monday Connection	Parlor	We are currently studying a short series of videos on the Dead Sea Scrolls and their relationship to our modern versions of the Bible. Later in January, we will be starting the PBS video series, <i>God in America</i> .
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	This course introduces and analyzes the spiritual content of top films from the 1980s through the 2010s, opening viewers up to a conversation about life, faith, and God.
Moving Meditation Chair Yoga Class	Room 3 in Education Wing	This beginner chair yoga class modifies traditional yoga poses so they can be done while seated in a chair, or standing while using a chair for balance. This class will begin with prayer and end with spiritual meditation.



**2018 Offering Envelopes:** Numbered offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the narthex. **Reminder:** 2017 donations must be received by TODAY in order to be posted as a contribution in 2017. If your 2017 donation is mailed, it MUST be postmarked by 12/31/17. *Thank you for your continued support of FPC.*



**Un-Deck the Halls:** Volunteers needed! Help us take down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Whether it's your New Year resolution, or simply a renewed interest in fitness – make wellness your goal for 2018! Join us for a **Yoga**



**Orientation Class** on Saturday, January 6, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Room A. Yoga Instructor Jenny Trussell will discuss and demonstrate both chair yoga and gentle flow yoga routines taught at FPC. The 2018 yoga classes will start on Friday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. for TGIF Gentle Yoga (Choir Room A); and Sunday, January 7 from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. (in Classroom 3) for Moving Meditation Chair Yoga. Jenny is considering adding a chair yoga class from 6:15-6:45 p.m. on Friday prior to the TGIF class. If you are interested, please contact Jenny at [jtrussell4@verizon.net](mailto:jtrussell4@verizon.net) for more information.



**Rockers:** Join others age 50+ for food, fun, and fellowship!

Daytime Rockers will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Bonfish Grill in Turkey Creek.



Evening Rockers will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Chop House on Kingston Pike on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

Save the Date for **Chili Cook Off and Bingo Night:** Saturday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. Look for registration information in next week's bulletin.

**Annual Congregation Meeting:** Please plan to attend the annual congregation meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 after worship. We will review the ministry of 2017, discuss plans for 2018, and approve the pastor's terms of call.

**Feeding the Homeless:** Join FPC friends and serve lunch at Volunteer Ministry Center on Tuesday, January 23. For more information, see the narthex sign-up sheet or contact January lunch coordinator MaryAnne Walls at 986-7308.





### **Prayers for Our Church Family**

Mike Agee, Candice Blake, Judith and Phill Bradbury, Jewell Countiss, Brian Davison, Stuart Daw, Billie Fain, Tyrone and Margo Gregory, Marge Griffith, Frank and Margo Guess, Karen Jones, Ron and Jeanette Mann, Jim Meador, John Montgomery, Kirk Morris, Bryan Nunley, Dale and Judy Rogers, Betsy Starr, Steve Tinder, Trish Turner, Wayne Walls, Linda Wert, Melody White

*For a complete prayer list that includes friends and family, or to join our prayer group, please contact the church office.*

### **Military**

Joshua Meador, Stephen Peterson, Kevin Shelton, David Sparks, Chase Sterling, Mark Wurth

### **Mission Workers**

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent – Haiti  
Carlton “Cobbie” and Dessa Palm – Philippines





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### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"*

Pastor.....	Rev. Matthew Nieman
Director of Music.....	Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....	Tami Newsom
Office Administrator .....	Dawn Zilles
Bookkeeper.....	Lori Corbett
Children's Enrichment Program Director.....	Beth Hallman
Treasurer.....	John Begovich
Financial Secretary.....	Tom Koch
Stephen Ministry.....	Deena Ramey