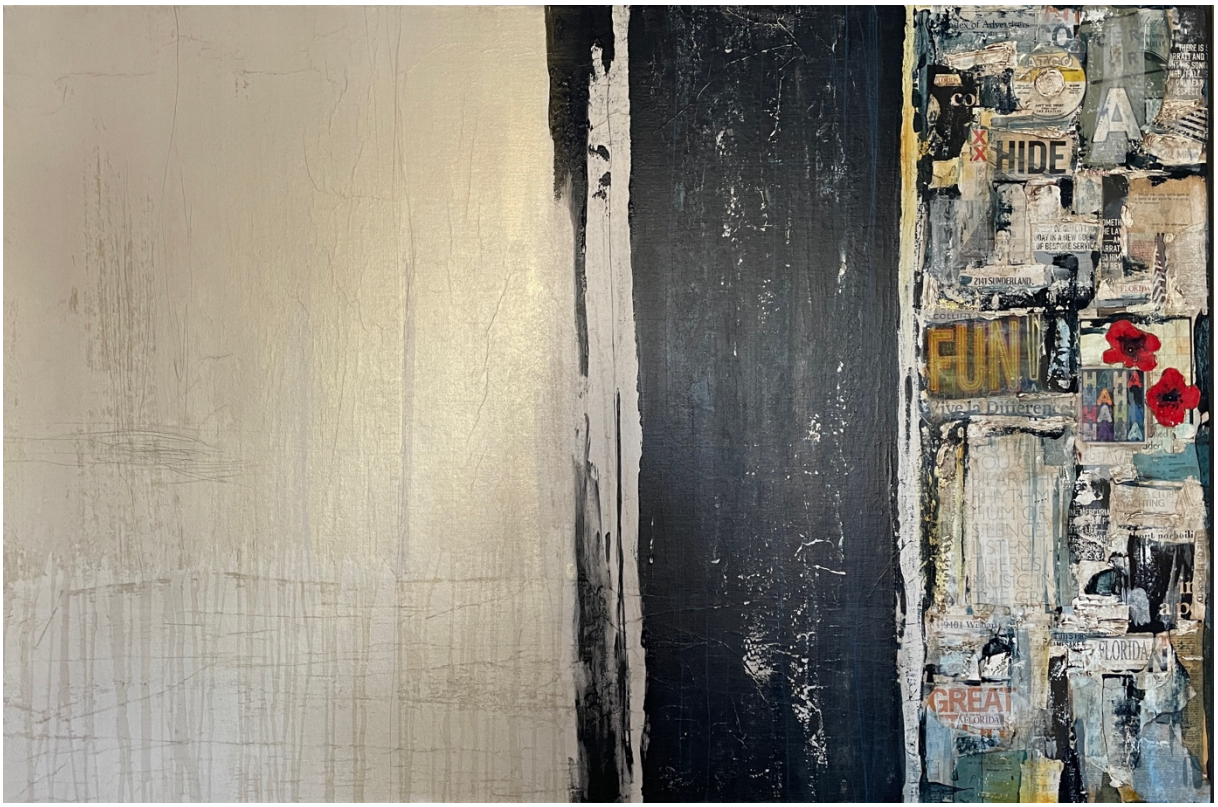
First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 7th, 2024



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Order of Worship

Prelude — *Chorale Fantasia on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"* — Dietrich Buxtehude
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Mary Kay Collins

Introit — "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" from *Christmas Oratorio* — J. S. Bach
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship — Rev. Nicole Ball

One: We gather:
All: to proclaim our faith in God.
We gather:
to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish the light of Christ.
We gather:
to remember that the Holy Spirit draws near to us and guides us.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 147 (vv. 1-2, 4, 6) — "The First Nowell" — THE FIRST NOWELL

*Prayer of Confession

God of Light and Life, we have entered the season in which the light of Christ has been given to the world. May this light help us to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, to follow you more nearly, day by day. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our being the people you have called us to be. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper

Hymn 135 — "There's a Star in the East" — FOLLOW

Prayer for Illumination — Charlie Collins

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:30-31 — OT p.655
Romans 12:1-2 — NT p.151
Matthew 2:1-2 — NT p.1

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Sermon	"More will be Revealed"	Rev. Mary Kay Collins
Call to Offering		Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
Offertory	*The Work of Christmas* Chancel Choir	Dan Forrest

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving — Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

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.

Words of Institution — Rev. Mary Kay Collins

Receiving Communion by Intinction

Music During Communion	Two Chorale Preludes on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"	Max Reger; Niels Gade
Prayer After Communion		Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
*Hymn 65	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	CWM RHONDDA
*Charge and Benediction		Rev. Mary Kay Collins
Postlude	*Chorale Prelude on CWM RHONDDA*	Paul Manz





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This week's usher team includes: Pratt Cook, Jon Morris, Deborah Miller, Pete Winters, Elizabeth Saunders
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (ksmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Mary D. Ellison, Caley Cantrell, LaMont Noble

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Gary Barranger, health concerns
- Nancy Bruni *(Ben Bruni's mother)*, cancer treatment
- Bobby Cobb, health concerns
- Leigh Gretes Comsudis *(George Gretes' sister)*, cancer treatment
- Hannah Gray, health concerns
- Ken and Suzanne Horton, health concerns
- Jay Johnston, health concerns
- Joyce Lloyd *(Rachael Brown's mother)*, cancer treatment
- Mason Louthan, flying F/A-18s on USS Gerald R Ford in eastern Mediterranean, deployment extended
- Barbara Mitchell *(Judy Noble's mother)*, in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton *(Emily Laux's father)*, health concerns
- Jeanne Nolley, in home hospice care
- Betty Proffitt *(Jenny Morris' mother)*, health concerns
- Ray Slabaugh, health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Jeanne Nolley on the death of her husband, and Bob Nolley, Scott Nolley, and Catherine Triantis on the death of their father, J. Robert Nolley, Jr., on December 27.
- Richard Wiltshire Jr. on the death of his wife, Richard Wiltshire III, Drew Wiltshire, and Anne Henry on the death of their mother, and Riv, Miller, and Avery Wiltshire, and Bailey and Eliza Henry on the death of their grandmother, Barbara Wiltshire, on January 1.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:
Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Anne Marks, Nathan Thomas Meade, Connor Partlow, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins.

How can we pray for you?
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