

Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Man  
Luke 2:14

## Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

I. Glory to Godô *Redemption's Chief End.*

*Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

II. Peace on Earthô *Redemption's Scope.*

### **This week at a glance:**

Today	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M.	Sunday School Worship Christmas Caroling/Party
Tuesday	6:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday & Wednesday		Church Office Closed

III. Good Will Toward Menô *Redemption's Special Object.*

**Visitors:** *We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **Christmas Caroling** and then some time together around refreshments. We will make our way around to some of our seniors this afternoon starting at 4:00 p.m., and then to the refreshments at the Orbaugh's home, 7403 Catherine Ct. We hope you can join us.

**Help Needed:** Please consider assisting us in the nursery. If you are interested or have questions you may talk to Rosie Abernathy. If a number would agree to work once every other month, that small commitment would provide a great deal of help to this ministry.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! You may take your poinsettia home next Sunday, we thank you for providing the beautiful plants to decorate our sanctuary. Have a Happy New Year.

**Coming Conference here at Fifth Street.** We are very glad to announce our upcoming conference with Harvest USA's Dan Wilson on the topic of "The Gospel and Sexual Brokenness". This is a difficult topic to approach but one that needs to be addressed. The gospel is the answer for sins past and our ongoing struggle with sin. The Conference will be February 8-9, the schedule is below.

Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast\*\* & How to Help a Sexual Struggler  
11:00 a.m. Where Does Sexual Sin Come From  
12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch\*\*  
1:00 p.m. The Church and The Challenge of Homosexuality  
*Please note: Children 13 and up would be welcome to attend the Saturday Sessions, all the content will be handled in a discrete fashion. But, we do encourage parents to use their own discretion.*

*\*\*Please RSVP for meals at [Steve@fifthstreetpca.org](mailto:Steve@fifthstreetpca.org)*

Sunday  
9:30 a.m. How the Gospel Breaks the Cycle of Sexual Sin  
11:00 a.m. Fulfilling the Law of the King: Galatians 6:1-2

**The Christmas Eve Service** starts at 6:00 p.m., we hope you can join us for a worship service of carols and the preaching of God's Word.

**We welcome to our church membership the Parks.** Mike and Susan came to Fifth Street by transfer from another evangelical church in the area and have been long time residents of Tyler. Mike is a Tyler native and works as an oil and gas landman. Susan grew up in Dallas and moved to Tyler after they married and is a dental hygienist. They are both enthusiastic about missions, serving Christ in the local church and looking forward to serving Christ here at Fifth Street Presbyterian.

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**Our text today** (Luke 2:14), captures the voice of the angels announcing Christ's birth with praise to God and the promise of peace among men, but this seems so distant from what we experience in much of our daily lives. And in fact, so distant from what we could hope for by virtue of our natures and our standing before God—what our confession refers to as "the distance between God and the creature", which could only be resolved by God's condescension in the person and work of Jesus Christ. This is why we can live in the middle of a messy world and struggle through the messy parts of our lives and the lives of those around us and still have hope. We live with the announcement of the angels ringing in our ears, the gospel of Jesus Christ removes the distance between us and God and makes it possible to live in peace with others as we together live as children of God made new in Christ. This is why we have a merry Christmas and a merry forever. Thanks be to God! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

*May the Lord give you and your family a very merry Christmas and may it be a reminder of God's great grace that is ours throughout all eternity.*