

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 am

Prelude *Advent Pastorale* A. Quartero

JF Choir *Silent Night* arr. Pinkzebra

Lighting of the Advent Candle - *Joy* - Cole Family
Kraig, Laura, Henry & Zoe

* Hymn #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 Page 622

JF Choir *Total Praise* arr. R. Smallwood

The Word with Children

*Children up to the 2nd grade are invited to “Children’s Chapel”
for worship-centered activities.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Page 1

Sermon *Gifts for the King*

Stewardship Commitment Time

* Affirmation of Faith
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory - *Shepherds, Rejoice* French Carol
* Doxology #606
* Prayer of Dedication
* The Lord’s Prayer
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.

* Hymn #147 *The First Nowell*

* Charge and Blessing

JF Choir *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* arr. Larson

* Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads* Musica Sacra 1778

* Please stand, if it is comfortable for you.

Welcome to Forest Presbyterian Church! Church School for all ages at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Child-care for infants and toddlers is on the lower level. During the 10:30 service, children up to the second grade are invited to Children’s Chapel on the lower level following The Word with Children. Older children are invited to join in the worship service.

Visitor Cards are located on the welcome table. Please fill out the card and either give it to the Pastor, or place it in the offering plate.

CD’s of today’s service are available at the sound booth. Sermons are available on our church website (forestchurch.org).

Liturgist Jeni Willoughby

Usher Homer Justis

We Welcome with us today the JF Advanced Choir under the direction of DaShay Glover.

Today is Stewardship Sunday-“Gifts for the King.” Please prayerfully consider what God would have you to commit to His work at Forest Presbyterian Church. Remember that God has blessed us more abundantly than we can imagine!

Angel Tree - All Angel Tree gifts need to be returned by today. Please have your Angel attached to your gift.

Chimes/Handbells today 3 pm. **FYRE Youth** today 4:30 pm.

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 for two different Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 pm - Family Service, 11:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Communion.

Our Cupola Christmas ornaments are on backorder but should be in for dedication in early January. Sorry for the delay! We are still taking orders. See Lisa Klingenfus.

Sunday, December 29 is the last Sunday to contribute to FPC for 2019. You can postmark gifts for 2019 by December 31. All vouchers from the ministry teams for 2019 bills or reimbursements must be in the church mailbox by Tuesday, December 31.

2020 Contribution Envelopes - 2020 envelopes are available for pick now. They are located on the table outside the church office. If you did not have envelopes for 2019 but would like some, or have questions regarding your pledge or giving to date contact Catherine Justis (434-546-7534).

November Finances	
Income	\$15,481.22
Expense	16,024.40
Shortfall	(543.18)



Week at a Glance...

Today, Sunday, December 15

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service/JF Advanced Choir
3:00 pm Chimes/Handbells
4:30 pm FYRE Youth Group

Tuesday, December 17

10:00 am Disciples in ChristCare

Wednesday, December 18

6:00 pm Chimes/Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 19

9:00 am TOPS

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Special Chimes/Handbells Rehearsal
2:15 pm Kids Music
4:30 pm FYRE Youth Christmas Eve Practice

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Living God’s Heart, Hands, & Voice

When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.
On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother;
and they knelt down and paid him homage.
Then, opening their treasure chests,
they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.