

January 5, 2020  
10:30 am

Prelude *The Angels' Carol* German Carol

Call to Worship

Leader: From distant lands and faraway shores, God calls us together.

**People: Like a shepherd tending his flock, God gathers us in.**

Leader: Along straight paths and cleared byways, God guides our journey.

**People: Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand, God leads us home.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

**People: Let us sing aloud with gladness. Let us worship the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Welcome and Announcements

\* Passing the Peace of Christ

\* Hymn #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone, but we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. Yet, even now, you dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Empower us to embody your love and embrace your hope. Long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, remind us that you light still pierces the darkness. Sustain our joy, surround us with peace, and inspire us to bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth.** (moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...Friends, believe the Good News!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Hymn #581 - *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14 Page 692

Anthem *Great Are You Lord* Ingram/Jordan

The Word with Children

*Children up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to "Children's Chapel" for worship-centered activities.*

Scripture Reading John 1:1-18 Page 79

Sermon *Close to God's Heart*

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *He Is Born* arr. John Carter

\* Doxology #606

\* Prayer of Dedication

*Please wait until all have been served so we may receive the bread and the cup together. All baptized Christians may partake of the Lord's Supper.*

\* Hymn #518 *Your Only Son*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

\* Hymn #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

\* Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude *There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy* Dutch

\* 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** Curt Cope

**Usher** Homer Justice

**2020 Contribution Envelopes** - If you have not picked up your 2020 envelopes please do so. They are located in the Commons. If you do not have envelopes but would like some, please contact Catherine Justis. Also, any questions regarding your pledge or giving to date contact Catherine (434-546-7534).

**February newsletter** deadline is Monday, January 13. Please have all your information into the church office.

**Sunday, January 12** - Kids Music 2:15 pm, Chimes/Handbells 3:00 pm.

**FYRE Youth Group** meets Sunday, January 12, 4:30-6:00 pm.

**Pledge Cards** are still available on the table in the Commons. Please fill out and place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** is starting January 5-February 2 - This year instead of pitting different types of food together, we're going to go for a new record number of donations for Forest Presbyterian Church. Our record is **428 food items**. We will be collecting food for Bedford Christian Ministries. Join the FYRE Youth Group in this nation-wide Souper Bowl of Caring project. **Lets go team FPC and help beat hunger!**

**The FYRE Youth Group** is sending Valentines to College Students during the week of February 10. You may write out Valentine cards and give donations starting on Sunday, January 26 through Sunday, February 9. Be sure to watch for blank hearts and envelopes on the table in the Commons. What a wonderful way for the congregation to encourage our youth away from home.



#### Week at a Glance...

#### Today, Sunday, January 5 Communion

9:30 am Church School

10:30 am Worship Service

#### Wednesday, January 8

Chimes/Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Practice

#### Thursday, January 9

9:00 pm TOPS

11:30 am FPC Lunch Club

6:00 pm Deacons

#### Sunday, January 12

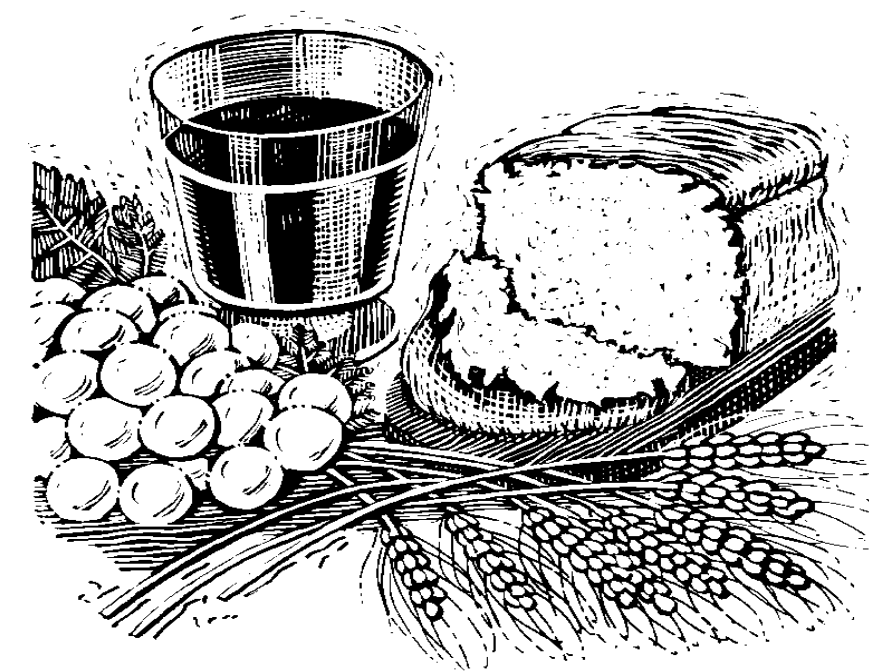
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#### **Living God's Heart, Hands, & Voice**

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

It is God the only Son,  
who is close to the Father's heart,  
who has made him known.

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