



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 3, 2021

We are an inclusive, mission-minded, Christian congregation where everyone belongs.



WORSHIP LEADER

The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.



ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

BEYOND WALLS, A PLACE FOR ALL

In these unprecedented times, we invite you to make First Presbyterian Church your spiritual home. While we are unable to worship in our interior worship spaces, we are so glad you have found us online, fpcwinc.org/virtual

During this difficult time, please contact us if we can provide assistance and prayer. Our church office's e-mail is info@fpcwinc.org.

Through your donation, we thank you for your generosity so FPC can continue to provide comfort, support, and ministry to all. Donations can be done securely and confidentially online, fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate or by mail, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 (*please designate your giving*)

EXPERIENCE FPC ONLINE – YOUR VIRTUAL CHURCH

If viewing this leaflet online, please download and open this document in your device's PDF program. Connect spiritually online at fpcwinc.org/virtual and our prayer community at fpcwinc.org/prayer

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Residents of Orchard Ridge and Westminster-Canterbury have had theirs dropped off at the main desks. Envelopes that were not picked up in December will be mailed.

WATTS

Dear Church Family – it is that time again to think about how we can serve Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS)—but it will look different this year. Our week to serve is January 23-30 at the former First United Methodist Church location in downtown Winchester. We will need volunteers, meals, and financial donations. A Sign-Up Genius link is coming soon. **Please see the latest eNotice for details on WATTS Week 2021.**

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Are you having trouble connecting or accessing the church online through our website, emails, the worship videos . . . whatever it is, we want to help! Please contact the church office either through e-mail [info@fpcwinc.org] or leave a message on extension 11. Also, notify us if you know of someone who is in the hospital, rehabilitation, births, and deaths.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

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DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020

For a donation to be included in your 2020 Contribution Statement, it must have been received in the church or postmarked by December 31, 2020.

STOCK OR IRA DONATIONS

If you have recently made a stock transfer or IRA Distribution or are intending to do so, please notify Jennifer in the church office. This will help ensure that we credit your gift accurately.

2020 REIMBURSEMENTS

Any reimbursement requests for 2020 must be received in the church office no later than Monday, January 4, 2021.

2020 STATEMENTS

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2020 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contribution from the church.

CHURCH OFFICE AVAILABILITY DURING COVID-19

The Staff continues to work on a hybrid schedule. There will be someone available to take phone calls on *most* Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If your phone call goes to voicemail, please leave a message so they are aware you have called. If you require building access, please call or email to schedule.

There are more announcements and details emailed weekly. Please contact the church office for assistance.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day • January 3, 2021 • 10:00 AM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Ding Dong Merrily on High” Jen Galang, flute | Amy Bowman, piano

arr. Douglas Brooks-Davies

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, hear the Christmas news:

All: Jesus Christ is born!

Leader: Come, sing the Christmas story:

All: Jesus Christ is born!

Leader: Come, worship the Christmas child.

All: Jesus Christ is born!

Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN “Joy to the World!” Colleen Stearns, soprano

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

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PRAYER OF CHRISTMAS

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

WORD *God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song*

SONG "Heaven Has Come to Us" Colleen Stearns, soprano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 *Coming of the magi*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

SERMON "The Signs of God" The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

THANKS *The People of God Respond to God's Word*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[...the petitions conclude...] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

OFFERTORY

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

SONG "We Three Kings" Amy Bowman, piano

You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the "Donate" button on our website. If you use the PayPal app, send it to administrator@fpcwinc.org Thank you. [<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate>]

SENDING *God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Live as God's People in the World*

BENEDICTION

May the path that Christ walks
to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:
may this path run through our life.
May we be the road Christ takes.

POSTLUDE "Go Tell It On the Mountain" Amy Bowman, piano

Mark Hayes