

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Service for the Lord's Day  
First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music: Christmas Carols (9:45 a.m.)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Johnson

Call to Worship

Christ is born! Alleluia!

**Jesus is among us! Alleluia!**

The Word has become flesh!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Hymn 147 "The First Nowell" (verses 1-4)  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess our hearts have not been open  
to all you have revealed to us in the birth of your Son.  
You sent Christ to be born as a vulnerable child,  
yet we have not attended to all children who suffer.  
You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord,  
yet we have not attended to the struggles of women.  
The holy family could not find a room in Bethlehem,  
yet we have not attended to the needs of the homeless.  
Forgive our lack of attention and free us for acts of compassion,  
that we may know and honor Christ by serving others.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response: Hymn 147, verse 6

**Then let us all will one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought  
and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Nowell! Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 2:22-40 (NT, p. 59)

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymnal 679)

A Time with Children

Solo

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:4-9 (NT, p. 189)

Sermon: "When the Time Was Full"

Rev. Carter

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Henry Allen Taylor

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "What Child is This" arr. Payne

\* Response 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen (601)
- \* Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. McDonald  
*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Conklin by John Conklin.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pastor                             | Rev. William G. Carter     |
| Coordinator for Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger           |
| Director of Music                  | Frank Jones                |
| Organist                           | Kay Ten Eyck               |
| Liturgist                          | Betty Keen                 |
| Ushers                             | Jim McLaughlin, Betty Keen |
| Welcomer                           | Janet Stansbury            |



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God sent the Spirit  
of his Son  
into our hearts ....

**Galatians 4:6**

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