

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas



**the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” Gloria
**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
 *Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn 135 “There's a Star in the East” Follow
**There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 Follow, follow;
 rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 Follow the star of Bethlehem.
 *Rise up, shepherd, and follow.***

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” Kings of Orient
**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
 O star of wonder, star of light,
 star with royal beauty bright,
 westward leading, still proceeding,
 *guide us to thy perfect light.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Gift”

by Aselin Debison
Soloist, Sydney McMath

RESPONSE

Hymn 141

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

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**On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ heaven’s King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us,
Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord’s Prayer)

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*)

**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 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

In Dulci Jubilo

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leadership in today’s service

PASTOR

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

PIANIST

Aya Magavina

USHERS

Diane Kleinfeldt

Henry Klienfeldt

In Memoriam, [Ring out, wild bells]

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man, and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

by Howard Thurman