

**JANUARY 6, 2019**  
***EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***  
***HOLY COMMUNION***  
**9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL**  
**11:00AM SANCTUARY**



**First Presbyterian Church**

**TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH  
THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!** We are so glad that you are here. We hope that joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. Here at First Pres our mission is transforming lives through the love of Jesus Christ, that simple and that challenging. We realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, and we know we are a work in progress.

**If you are new to First Pres, we hope you will join us again and consider attending any of our mission, fellowship and education opportunities.** If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the visitor information on the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today.**

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Bill Lane, Rev. Ann Pitman

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† *Those who are able please stand*

**PRELUDE** 9:00am Christ Is the World's Light setting by Robert A. Hobby  
11:00am Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie Maurice Duruflé

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the deepest valley!

**All: Come worship the Lord of glory.**

One: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

† **HYMN** No. 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT

## † **CALL TO CONFESSION**

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## † **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## †ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

## †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 155 Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,  
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

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## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 11:00AM

*Children are encouraged to come forward at this time. Parents may accompany their child if they wish. Children 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101. If you need assistance, ask an usher. Older children stay in worship on the first Sunday of the month.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 60:1-6, p. 690

9:00am Larry Stoneburner

11:00am Dan Serban

**ANTHEM** 11:00am Who Would Think That What Was Needed

John L. Bell/Graham Maule

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth  
Might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in work?  
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?  
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing;  
Such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing.  
Stable beasts and bypassed strangers watch a baby laid in hay;  
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,  
Yet experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve.  
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humor fray,  
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 2:1-12, p. 2

**SERMON**

*“New Beginnings”*

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God whose light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never smother it. I believe that in Bethlehem there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. I believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth. I believe in his name as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; of the increase of his rule and of his unique peace there will be no end. This I surely believe!**

**†HYMN** No. 152 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign and pass the friendship pad to those in your pew.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** 9:00am How Brightly Shines the Morning Star setting by Paul Manz  
11:00am As With Gladness Men of Old setting by Robert A. Hobby

## †DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.  
Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

Glorious God, you led three Wise Men to seek Jesus. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, they sat down at the infant's crib and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to you, Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

### SHARING OF COMMUNION Breaking of the Bread, Sharing of the Cup

*Communion this morning is by the ancient practice of intinction. (Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.) All are invited to partake. Please come forward as the ushers open your pew doors and guide you. If you prefer not to come forward for communion, please let us know and it will be served to you in your pew.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, and these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. God, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your kingdom. Amen.**

†**HYMN** No. 156 Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

## †**BENEDICTION**

†**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Go, Tell it on the Mountain (refrain)

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

†**POSTLUDE** *9:00am* What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright setting by David Cherwien  
*11:00am* We Three Kings arr. Victor Labenske

**Anthem Note:** This morning's anthem is found on page 138 in Glory to God. The text was written by John L. Bell and Graham Maule in 1987 and the tune was written by John L. Bell in 2005. Bell is a Church of Scotland Minister and member of the Iona community. He has written several hymn tunes and texts, including eighteen in our current hymnal. The note with the hymn in Glory to God says "Hindsight is nearly always clearer than foresight, and with gentle good humor this Christmas hymn points out how great was the gap between human expectation and God's actual way of providing a means of salvation for us. God's ways continually exceed our claims to comprehend them."

## WORSHIP THIS MORNING

- Greeters:** 9:00am Brenda and Larry Stoneburner  
11:00am Marsha Heller, Hyung Woo Lee, Sarah Savage, Jai Son Wyss
- Ushers:** 9:00am Brenda Stoneburner  
11:00am Wendell Cree, Chair; Dave Beer, Dick Florea, Ron Gumbert,  
Deb Ward
- Communion Servers:**  
9:00am Marsha Heller, Sarah Savage  
11:00am Chuck Chapman, Jim Lobsiger, Bill Patterson, Marianne Platt,  
Laurie Satter, Tom Sites

**Crucifer:** Hayden Patterson

**Chancel Choir Members:** (soprano) Christa Cook, Susan Dorion, Marta Hilworth, Joan Jackson, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Patricia Pierce, Marianne Platt, Sandy Shearer; (alto) Jane Beer, Virginia Coats, Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters; (tenor) Kathie Bishop, Scott McMeen, Marj Sapp; (bass) David Beer, Jim Mergenthal, Dan Michnay, Kip Ormerod

**Chancel Flowers:** are given in memory of Lorraine H. Davis by her son, Philip R. Davis.

## MINISTRIES

**The Nominating Committee** is accepting nominations for Church Officers. If you're a member and are interested in serving as an officer, or want to nominate a member, forms are available at the Church Office. Please have submissions in by **today, January 6, 2019**. Questions, contact Danielle at [dgonzalez@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:dgonzalez@firstpresfortwayne.org).

**Per Capita 2019**—Per Capita is “the tie that binds”. It is the annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. It is the primary source of funding for all of these councils, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving, which this year is **\$40.72 per confirmed member**. If you can contribute your portion of per capita, we would appreciate it very much. Thank you.

## MINISTRIES—Continued

**Anticipatory Grief**—The Stephen Ministry Team invites you to join us **Saturday, January 12, from 3:00pm-5:00pm, Parlor.** “**Come, listen and learn**” from Cindy Schaefer who is coming to have a conversation with us about “**Anticipatory Grief.**” Cindy is the Director of Operations at Erin’s House and oversees the programming. She is a Child Grief Specialist and certified in Bereavement and Trauma. Erin’s House provides “support for children, teens, and their families who have suffered the death of a loved one.” This event is open to anyone who is interested in coming. **Please sign up in the Church Office by January 9,** so that we know how many people to prepare for.

**2019 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the Small Dining Room.**

## FELLOWSHIP

**Fiber and Crafting Event—January 12, 9:00am-3:00pm, in McKay Hall.** Fiber and other table-top crafters are invited to spend a winter Saturday working on your own projects in a friendly and encouraging setting. We will meet to knit, crochet, weave, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilt, color, etc. We will have a coffee cart, pastries, and pizza for lunch. There will be a \$10.00 fee, paid that day. **Please sign up in the Church Office by January 10,** and indicate if you need an 8-foot table. If you have questions, please contact Marj Sapp [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com) or Marcie Weissner [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com).

**Calling all parents of children and youth!** You’re invited to lunch in the **Parlor following 11:00am worship on January 13.** This is a time to get to know Pastor Annie, one another, and express your hopes and dreams for the children, youth and family ministry at First Pres. Childcare is provided and older youth will have a time to talk. We hope to see you there! **Please RSVP** by emailing Pastor Annie at [aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org) so we have a lunch count.



**T.O.W.N (Together on Wednesday Night)** is for everyone, young and old. T.O.W.N. programs typically include dinner, fellowship, and an adult program. The program can be speakers, book studies, music, discussions about current Theater performances, or Bible studies that are topical or seasonal. T.O.W.N. also sponsors activities or family events. The meal is served at **5:30pm** and a donation of \$5 is suggested. The program starts at **6:00pm** and is about an hour in length.

### **January's T.O.W.N. Schedule:**

- 16** –Chili Cook-off and assembly of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance clean up buckets.
- 23** –A discussion about *The Christians*, a powerful play running January 3 through 19 in the First Presbyterian Theatre. See the Religious Arts page in this bulletin for more details.
- 30** –FaithNet Presentation - A mental health outreach program of NAMI – the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This organization encourages communities of all faith traditions to be welcoming and supportive of people who struggle with the effects of mental illness.

**Epiphany Concert at the Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel** (corner of Lewis & Calhoun Streets)-**Today, January 6 at 4:00pm.** Kathy Miller will be the organist at this concert with The Immaculate Conception Cathedral Choir and Michael Dulac, director. The concert is free admission and a reception will follow in the lower level of the Cathedral Center.

## **CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Childcare** is in **Room 101** from **9:45am to 11:15pm.** **Room 105** is available for those who need a **Quiet Room** to attend to your baby/young child.

**10:00am—Adult Education: Wired Word** in the **Parlor.** Each week we will discuss a current event and analyze it in a biblical context.

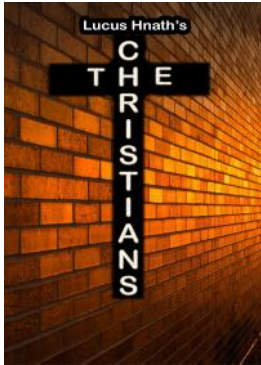
**10:00am—Youth Bible Study** (6th grade through 12 grade) – **Room 209.** No class this week, resumes **January 13.**

**11:15am—Children Church School** (Kindergarten through 5th grade) – No class this week, resumes **January 13.**

## RELIGIOUS ARTS



**Parish Art Show 2018 and Gallery's 50th Anniversary**—Now thru January 19, 2019. You will be amazed at the sometimes hidden talents of our members and staff! Gallery hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday; 8:30am-12:30pm Sunday.



### **The Christians—January 11, 12, 13\*, 18, 19, 2019**

Don't miss this thought-provoking play about belief and community. This play will be a topic of discussion at our T.O.W.N. program on Wednesday night, **January 23**, so be sure to attend a performance before the program. For more details on T.O.W.N., see the announcement pages. Call 260-426-7421 ext. 121, or go online at [firstpresbyteriantheater.com](http://firstpresbyteriantheater.com) to purchase your tickets. All evening shows begin at 7:30pm.

\*Sunday Matinee curtain at 2:00pm

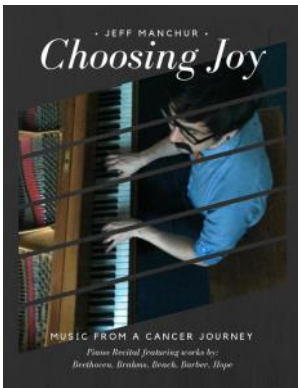
**Choosing Joy — January 20, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary.** Dr. Jeff Manchur is a pianist based in Maumee, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Bowling Green State University. He is currently an adjunct faculty member

at Bowling Green State University. In 2016, his wife Kimberly was diagnosed with breast cancer. The next year was full of doctor visits, surgeries and treatments, stress, despair and hopelessness, love, charity and gratitude. Throughout this time, “Choosing Joy” was a mantra for

Kimberly, and today she is a survivor. Their journey inspired the creation of this program, which features pieces that speak of the struggle they endured and the faith, love and victory that helped them through. The program will feature standard and newer classical music and pieces by three American composers. Each piece can be associated in some way with their cancer

journey. Don't miss out on this unique program! Learn more at

[jeff.manchur.com](http://jeff.manchur.com). Free will offering.



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8:30am - 12:30pm Sunday

## HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you or a loved one is having surgery or is admitted to the hospital, please notify the Church Office or a pastor so we can provide care as you prefer: hold you in prayer or pay a visit — if desired.

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### MISSION CO-WORKERS SPONSORED:

Mr. Mark Hare and Ms. Jenny Bent, Haiti and the Dominican Republic  
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# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- 8:45am Childcare, 101
- 9:00am English Worship, Communion, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC  
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Christmas Group Fellowship, FH  
Church School, Adults, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, Communion, SC  
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL  
Korean Group Worship, Communion, CH
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Chapel Choir Practice, CH

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- 9:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, 302

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

*Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan*

- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 4:00pm Congregational Life, SR
- 5:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting, PR
- 5:30pm Day School Board Meeting, 304
- 6:00pm Contemporary Christians World View, 302
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, 302

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

*Prayer Day: Presbyterian workers in the Middle East*

- 10:00am Table Talk 1, SR
- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC  
Women's Bible Study, 302  
Stephen Ministry Leadership Team, SMO
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 2:30pm Table Talk 2, 300
- 4:30pm Stephen Ministry Support Group, 300
- 5:00pm Mission Team, SR
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, 302

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:00am Day School Music Class, MR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR  
Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, 302

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *The Christians*, TH

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:00am Faith, Fibers, & Fellowship Retreat, MH
- 3:00pm Anticipatory Grief Seminar, PR
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *The Christians*, TH

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:45am Childcare, 101
- 9:00am English Worship, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC  
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
Church School, Youth, Adults, 209, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, SC  
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL  
Korean Group Worship, CH
- 11:15am Church School (K-5th), 208
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm Children, Youth & Family Luncheon, PR
- 12:30pm 46845, 46825 Zip Code Diner, OS
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Chapel Choir Practice, CH
- 2:00pm Theatre Performance, *The Christians*, TH
- 4:30pm Middle Sch. Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212
- 5:30pm Middle & Sr. High Youth Supper, SDR  
46804, 46814 Zip Code Diner, OS
- 6:00pm Sr. High Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212

**CH** - Chapel

**CL** - Chapel Lounge

**CN** - Chapel Narthex

**CR** - Conference Room

**CY** - Courtyard

**FH** - Fellowship Hall

**FO** - Front Office

**GL** - Gallery

**K2** - Kitchen, 2nd floor

**LB** - Library

**LE** - Lobby Elevator

**LK** - Lower-level Kitchen

**LN** - Lobby North

**MF** - McKay Foyer

**MH** - McKay Hall

**MK** - Main Kitchen

**MR** - Music Room

**NX** - Narthex, SC

**OS** - Offsite

**PG** - Playground

**PO** - Pastor's Office

**PR** - Parlor

**SB** - Sanctuary Balcony

**SC** - Sanctuary

**SDR** - Small Dining Room

**SMO** - Stephen Ministry  
Office

**SR** - Session Room

**TH** - Theater

**YL** - Youth Lounge  
(209, 212)