

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Dr. Paul B. Long, Pastor**  
**December 19, 2021**  
*Order of Worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns Ike Sayle

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle 1 John 4:9-10

God's Word Calls Us to Worship Psalm 34:1-3

**I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>My soul will make its boast in the LORD;  
The humble will hear it and rejoice.  
<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.**

Invocation Ike Sayle

\*Hymn of Praise: Congregation

#145 O Come, All Ye Faithful (1 - 3)

Responsive Advent Reading Romans 5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>**And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps

for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup>**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** <sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of *God* through Him. <sup>10</sup>**For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.** <sup>11</sup>**And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 40:1-2

**“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.  
<sup>2</sup>“Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.”**

Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Mission Offering Congregation

#131 Angels from the Realms of Glory (1, 2 & 4)

Special Music *Mary Did You Know?* Mac Venable

Children's Program Emily Flautt

Morning Prayer Dr. Laurie Jones

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Dr. Laurie Jones

\*Benediction Your Best Christmas Ever

Postlude

\*All who are able please stand.

Calendar of Events:

Today — Missions Offering  
Christmas Caroling - 5:30 pm  
Ladies will bring finger food to enjoy after caroling.  
Wednesday — Prayer Meeting - 7:30-8:00 am  
Friday — Christmas Eve Service/Communion - 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday this week:

Sayle Stennett - December 20  
David Herron - December 23  
Hunter Sayle - December 24

In charge today:

Deacon - Bud — Elder - Ike — Children - Betsy

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon - William — Elder - Keith — Children - Ann

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Afghanistan	Jennings, George
Albritton, Ricky	Laster, Frank
Avant, John	Lowery, Berene
Bell, Bobby	McElrath, Pete
Bell, Sammie	<b>Meador family, Lindsay</b>
Biffle, Sherry	Mitchell, Timmy
<b>Bloodworth, Nell</b>	Morgan, Melinda
Cole, Tim	Odom, Mary Ann
Collins, Ann	Our Nation
COVID Patients	Schools
Criswell, Barbara	Strider, Carol
Denley, John B.	<b>Strider, Joyce</b>
Ferrell, Jackie	Supreme Court
Haiti Missionaries	<b>Tornado Victims</b>
Hargett, Louise	Wolfe, Cheryl
Herron, Barbara	Youth



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