

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Dr. Paul B. Long, Pastor**  
**December 26, 2021**  
*Order of Worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns                      Keith Bloodworth

God's Word Calls Us to Worship    Psalm 95

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let's worship and bow down,  
Let's kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
<sup>7</sup>For He is our God, and we are the people of  
His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

Invocation    Keith Bloodworth

\*Hymns of Praise:    Congregation

- #132    Angels We Have Heard on High (1 - 4)
- #128    It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (1, 2 & 4)

Responsive Advent Reading    Luke 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said:  
"My soul exalts the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>**And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.**  
<sup>48</sup>For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant;  
For behold, from now *on* all generations will call me blessed.  
<sup>49</sup>**For the Mighty One has done great things for me;  
And holy is His name.**  
<sup>50</sup>And His mercy is to generation after generation  
Toward those who fear Him.  
<sup>51</sup>**He has done mighty deeds with His arm;  
He has scattered *those who were proud in the thoughts of their  
hearts.***  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones,  
And has exalted those who were humble.

<sup>53</sup>**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And sent the rich away empty-handed.**  
<sup>54</sup>He has given help to His servant Israel,  
In remembrance of His mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>**Just as He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his descendants forever."**

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

Hymn of Wonder & Praise    Congregation

#307    Send the Light (1, 3 & 4)

Children's Message

Morning Prayer    Paul Long

Scripture Reading    Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon    Paul Long

*The Light of the World*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*All who are able please stand.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday — Prayer Meeting - 7:30-8:00 am

Happy Birthday this week:

Emy Cay Donaldson - December 26

Jimmy Venable - December 28

Reid Murphy - December 29

Berene Lowery - December 29

In charge today:

Deacon - William — Elder - Keith — Children - Ann

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon - Eugene — Elder - Al — Children - Meg

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Afghanistan

Albritton, Ricky

Avant, John

Bell, Bobby

Bell, Sammie

Bloodworth, Nell

Cole, Tim

Collins, Ann

COVID Patients

Criswell, Barbara

Denley, John B.

Ferrell, Jackie

**Griggs, Mike**

Hargett, Louise

Jennings, George

Laster, Frank

McElrath, Pete

Mitchell, Timmy

Morgan, Melinda

Odom, Mary Ann

Our Nation

Schools

Strider, Carol

Supreme Court

Tornado Victims

Wolfe, Cheryl

Youth



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