

## Serving Today

### Ushers:

8:30a.m. Jay Haggard (Head), Mark Dail, Janelle Haggard, Margaret Heberlein, Don Ingraham, Joyce Weaver, Rodger Wilcox

11:00a.m. Alan Avery (Head), Marge Avery, Carol Hale, David Hale, Dan Frey, Nancy Melling, Mike Newman, Nancy Newman, Linda Palmer

### Greeters:

8:30a.m. Carol and Tracey Bachofen

11:00a.m. Dan and Margaret Pritchett

### Lectionary Reading for January 12, 2020

Isa. 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

**WELCOME** guests! Please write your name on a visitor's badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

**WORSHIP SYMBOLS** \* Please rise in body or spirit

**CHILDREN** are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:30AM, our paid and background-checked nursery workers would be honored to care for your little ones (infants-4 years). Please see an usher for directions to the nursery (room 1.23 in the Ministry Center). The nursery is available for nursing at any time. Following the Children's Moment, those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

**RESTROOMS** are available in the Ministry Center (including a family restroom with changing table) and the Session House.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Hearing assistance devices with ear coverings are available and large print hymnals are available in the last row of pews. Please ask an usher if you have need. Wheelchair accessibility is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

## Session 2020

Eddie Bellis, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Karen Reed, Clerk

### Administration

Betsy Conzelman '20

Jim Findley '21

Marc Finlayson '22

Trudy Martin '20

### Care

Patti Fleming '22

Polly Frank '20

Margaret Cooper '22

### Fellowship

Kevin Avolis '22

Beth Foley '21

Peter Moeller '20

Cathy Warren '20

### Outreach

Peggy Clark '21

Bruce Pollock '21

Julia Speight '22

### Education

Janet Bryan '20

Madison Crum '22

David Hale '20

### Worship

Janelle Haggard '21

Gayle Hardy '21

George Moore '21

Hal Vandersea '22

### Pastoral & Program Staff

\* The Rev. Edward Bellis IV, *Interim Pastor*

\* The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray, *Associate Pastor*

\* The Rev. Lloyd Griffith, *Parish Associate*

\* Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, *Director of Education and Youth Ministry*

### Music Program Staff

\* Pat K. Rowlett, *Director of Music*

Vance Harper Jones, *Organist*

Susan Mabie, *Director, Resurrection Singers*

Cindy Sutton, *Assistant Organist and Pianist*

Dru Wilkins, *Music Assistant*

### Office and Support Staff

\* Tommy Hall, *Administrative Coordinator*

\* Priscilla Miller, *Interim Office Administrator*

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\* Kerri Wheeler, *Children's Worship*

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Lisa Wood, *Nursery Coordinator*

Cindi DeVoe, *Nursery Staff*

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### Pre-school

\* Kerri Wheeler, *Director of Preschool*

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW BERN

ORGANIZED 1817



*Le Petit Enfant Jésus (The Christ Child)*, Jacques Callot, 1620, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany January 5, 2020

— Eight Thirty and Eleven a.m. —

**Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World**

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation*

If you wish to share a joy or concern with the pastoral staff, please write it on the tan prayer card found in the pew rack. We will collect these cards in the offering. If you wish the prayer to remain confidential, place the card in a provided privacy envelope. The Prayer of Preparation is offered to assist you. *Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

### Prayer of Preparation

Lord of grace, through the giving of the Word made flesh in Christ, you spoke to us of unlimited, accepting love. Grant us the courage to receive your gift and share it with others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### Welcome

Following the "Chiming of the Trinity" and during the "Prelude," please enter a period of silent meditation.

### Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude** *Prelude for Epiphany* Nelson

**Introit** *As With Gladness Men of Old* Dix/Kocher

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

Come let us worship, all who would bear witness of the Word!

**The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;  
Jesus was the Word.**

In Christ we were made whole and brought in the presence of God.

**For the witness of Christ was of God,  
that all should know the Lord.**

Let us lift our voices in song and praise, for God so loved us all.

Together let us pray.

**O God, we are glad as we raise our voices in praise of your name.**

**You do not withhold your love from us, but you sent forth a  
Messiah to deliver us. As Christ came to the earth to embody your  
love, we gather as his body to make our joyful response to such  
wondrous love. Filled by your Spirit and made alive by your  
presence, we come rejoicing as we greet your new day.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

\* **Hymn 151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hopkins

\* **Litany of Assurance** Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

**In order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might  
receive adoption as children.**

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

\* **Response of Praise Hymn 132**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

\* **Summary of the Law**

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**(11:00) Children's Moment** The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray  
Hymn 137, verse 1 *He Came Down*

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we  
may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah, forevermore.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 137, verse 2 *He Came Down*

**He came down that we may have light...**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday offering for hunger - Religious Community Services (RCS)*

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew  
and place prayer request cards in the offering plate.*

Offertory *See That Star* Hunnicutt  
Daybreak Choir/Sanctuary Choir

\* Doxology Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all  
creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn 145** *What Child Is This* Dix/English ballad

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12 NT pg. 2  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson** John 1:1-18 NT pg. 91  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *The Word Made Flesh* The Rev. Eddie Bellis

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day  
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**(8:30) \* Hymn 150** *As with Gladness Men of Old* Dix/Kocher

**(11:00) Ordination & Installation**

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Constitutional Questions of Elders

Constitutional Questions of Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

*Ordain and Install: Margaret Cooper, Madison Crum, Julia Speight*

*Install: Kevin Avolis, Marc Finlayson, Patti Fleming, Hal Vandersea*

Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* Bell, Maule

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in  
memory of our parents, Bill and Jane Cooper, and Pete and Betty Coste by  
Larry and Margaret Cooper.*

*The rose on the communion table is in memory of Ann Cave Howard,  
mother of Phoebe Moeller, on what would have been her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*Congratulations to Tyler and Meredith Jenkins Werline on the December  
26<sup>th</sup> birth of their child. Mike and Bryson Jenkins are the proud  
grandparents.*

*Congratulations to Ythuyet Rcham on gaining his citizenship at a ceremony  
in Durham on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are so very proud of him and all those of  
our Montagnard friends who have worked so hard to achieve citizenship.*

*Sympathy of the congregation goes to:*

*Priscilla Miller and her family on the loss of her father-in-law, the Rev.  
David Miller, on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Eddie Bellis and his family on the loss of his mother, Martha Bellis, on  
December 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Betsy Hillhouse and her family on the loss of her sister, Barbara Solook of  
Palm Bay, Florida, on December 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**Prayers of the People and (8:30) The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response** Hymn 137, verse 2 *He Came Down*  
**He came down that we may have peace...**

\* **Postlude** *Song for a New Year* Martin