

*Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jo Newton, in memory of Dr. Doane M. Newton.

**2018 Flower Board is available to sign up for Sunday Sanctuary flowers.** Pick your date! Include your special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. **The cost is \$38.50.**

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** Mt. Vernon Presbyterian, Pea Ridge; First Presbyterian, Huntsville.

**OLDER YOUTH - NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY!!!** Join Jamie and Dawn upstairs for the popular 7 week study, "God's Not Dead." Study starts January 14, and ends February 25.

**YOUTH:** If you are looking for information about our Youth Group here at First Presbyterian Church, check out **Instagram!** There you will find photos and the latest on what's happening regarding youth activities. Go to: **1stpresyouths**

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Welcome Visitors!** The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshipping with us!

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**Order of Worship**  
**January 14, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sacred Classical Choral Program with the Muses Creative Artistry Project**  
**Deleen Davidson, Director**

**Glory to God in the highest... and on earth, Peace!**

Processional ..... *“Carol of the Bells” Traditional Ukrainian Bell Carol* ..... M. Leontovich

Opening Blessing ..... *“Cantate! from Hodie!”* ..... John Leavitt  
Translation, see insert

Call to Worship ..... Luke 2: 9-14

Leader: And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**People: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

\*Hymn No. 23 ..... *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ..... GLORIA

\*Prayer of Adoration

Welcome the Community ..... Liturgist, Becky Sommer

Introit ..... *Gloria in Excelsis Deo “Glory to God in the Highest”* ..... Antonio Vivaldi

**The Lord will Comfort Zion**

Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 51: 1-6 ..... pg. 681, OT

Anthem ..... *“Gaudete!” (“O, Rejoice!”)* ..... Sheldon Curry  
Translation, see insert

**Piae Cantiones**

Reading

*“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. Gloria in excelsis Deo!”*

Anthem ..... *“Personent Hodie” German Melody, 1360* ..... arr. John Rutter

Anthem ..... *“This Little Babe” from “A Ceremony of Carols”* ..... Benjamin Britten

**Let Us Go Now to Bethlehem**

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2: 8-20 ..... pg. 58, NT

Anthem ..... *“Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”* ..... John Rutter

Homily ..... *“Why Your Joyous Strains Prolong?”* ..... Rev. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Anthem ..... *“What Sweeter Music”* ..... John Rutter  
Original poem by Robert Herrick

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (Traditional) ..... Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory ..... *“Glory, Glory!”* ..... Don Besig

\*Doxology (Unison)

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

\*Prayer of Dedication ..... Rev. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Bearing the Word into the World**

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 1: 11-17 ..... pg. 56, NT

*Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. **But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”***

Anthem ..... *“Benedictus” (“Blessed Is the Lord”)* ..... Dan Forrest

Charge and Benediction ..... Rev. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude ..... *“Angels in Seven”* ..... Philip Kern

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)