

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

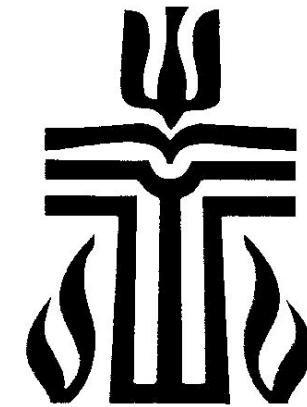
First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2015

10:30 am

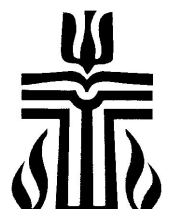
Before me in the planned shape of this day
I look for unexpected surgings of new life.
Around me in the people whom I know and love
I look for unopened gifts of promise.
Within me in the familiar sanctuary of my own soul
I look for shinings of the everlasting light.
Before me, around me, within me
I look for your life-giving mystery, O God,
before me, around me, within me.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 5)



Leading in Worship Today...

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Bill Welch, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Martha Braswell, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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James S. Currie, Pastor
Jo Ann Currie, DCE and
Director of Spiritual Formation
Cheryl Jones, Office Administrator
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Maria Morales, Custodian

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Tom Hoffman
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Class of 2016

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Jason Reed
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Lavinia Brown

Class of 2017

Tom Chitwood
Natica Cooper
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Stan Ganderson
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Donna Wallace
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Class of 2016

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Jane Christopher
Rhonda Haskins
Susan Wallace

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Service for the Lord's Day
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude: *Noel*

Claude Louis Daquin

†Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the temple of the Lord.

All: We have come to seek God's blessing.

Leader: This is the house of the Holy One.

All: We have come to praise God's name.

†Hymn of Praise #132: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You clothe us with your love, but we do not love one another. You wrap us in your mercy, but we do not forgive one another. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to follow your way, and help us to grow each day in wisdom and favor with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #580

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
"

Special Music: *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head*

Marilyn Wilkins, Allison McPhail and Donna Wallace

arr. John Jacob Niles

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

First Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 (p. 725)

Sermon Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 834)

Sermon: "The New Humanity"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

†Hymn of Affirmation #124: *Still, Still, Still*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Mary, Did You Know?*

arr. Randy Smith

†Doxology #609: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

†Hymn of Inspiration #137: *He Came Down*

†Benediction

†Postlude: *Postlude in C Major*

George Frederic Handel