

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

† **Hymn of Inspiration #134:** *Joy to the World*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #43** (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

† **Postlude**

Mission Statement: On November 29, 2016, the Session of First Presbyterian Church adopted the following Mission Statement for our church:

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

A mission statement is a formal statement of purpose and/or summary of the aims and values of an organization. As we move forward, may we try to live out this mission in everything we say and do.

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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2017

10:30 am

O God, our Father, Creator of the universe, whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world, pour your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that all the people of our world, being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you, may offer the gold of intellect, the frankincense of devotion and the myrrh of discipline to him who is with you and the Holy Spirit who liveth and reigneth for ever one God, world without end.

Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka)



Leading in Worship Today...

Rev. Jim Currie, Preaching
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Introit #150: *As With Gladness Men of Old*

William Chatterton Dix

†Call to Worship:

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

All: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

All: the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

†**Hymn of Praise #151:** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Praise is our cry, O Holy One of Israel, for you have come among us and borne our burdens. Give us open hearts, that we might embrace our suffering sisters and brothers, and welcome Jesus in the hospitality we show to exiles. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71: *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

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) #581**

†**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."

Anthem: *Murmurs in a Stable*

Craig Courtney

Murmurs in a stable in the silence of the night, murmurs first of pain, then of joy.
Murmurs in a stable in the silence of the night, quiet cries from Mary's baby boy.
Sweet, holy Child, murm'ring myst'ries divine, Son of God, son of man.
The holy Word in a helpless baby's cry, born to the the spotless Lamb.

Murmurs in a stable from the tiny infant King, proclaiming the Word divine.
Give me grace to listen, teach my silent heart to sing that I am Yours, You are mine.
Sweet, holy Child, murm'ring myst'ries divine, Son of God, son of man.
The holy Word in a helpless baby's cry, born to the the spotless Lamb.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #288: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9 (p. 530)

Sermon Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 682)

Sermon: "Jesus, the Refugee"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation #154:** *Jesus Entered Egypt*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

†**Doxology #606:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†**Prayer of Dedication**