

# THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2016

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**Morning Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

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**The Prelude** ..... “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”  
arranged by David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**The Call to Worship**

**\*The Response** ..... Gloria Patri  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**\*The Confession of Faith** ..... The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?**

*A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.*

**Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?**

*A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.*

**Q. 27. Of what did Christ's humiliation consist?**

*A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

**Responsive Reading Psalm 149** ..... page 840

**The Hymn of Praise No. 208** ..... *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**\*The Hymn No. 214** ..... *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**The Offering and Offertory** ..... “A Babe is Born in Bethlehem”  
Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637-1707)

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** ..... Luke 2:1-7

**The Sermon** ..... “The Humiliation of Christ: born in a low condition”

**\*The Hymn of Response No. 203** ..... *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Doxology**

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**Looking Ahead...**

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- ❖ Household for prayer this week: Eleanor Forsythe
- ❖ Next Lord's Day we welcome Ruling Elder James D. “Bebo” Elkin to lead the worship service. He is a ruling elder from FPC Jackson.
- ❖ Women serving in ministry in the local PCA churches are invited to meet for (buy your own) casual "lunch bunch" to share ideas & encouragement! 11:45-1:15, Biaggi's at the Renaissance in Ridgeland on Thursday, Jan. 12th.
- ❖ A large print worship guide is available upon request from the deacons.

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 31	Church Decoration Removal	9:00 a.m.	
Jan. 5	Ladies Small Group Study Resumes	7:30 p.m.	Ladies Study Room
Jan. 8	Sunday School Resumes	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Study
Jan. 11	Midweek Bible Study Resumes	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12	Presbytery Women's Ministry Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Ridgeland, MS
Jan. 17	Men's Steak Supper	6:00 p.m.	WPC Greenwood
Feb. 26	Palmer Home Choir Sings in Worship	10:00 a.m.	

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**Sermon Notes**

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**A. The Christ of History (vv. 1-3)**

**B. Journey to Bethlehem (vv. 4-5)**

**C. The King is Born (vv. 6-7)**

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### RULING ELDERS

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Steve Brown	Renford Lucas	Joe Hudson
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<b>Emeritus Officer:</b> Deacon J. Luke Weaver		

### FPC WINONA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

The Congregation's historic Pilcher Organ installed ca. 1914 and refurbished in the 1960s is showing severe signs of age and decay. In spite of the skill of our organist, our beloved Pilcher's days are now limited as a number of the keys no longer play and the organ's memory system is failing.

In light of the serious and untenable situation facing the congregation related to our organ, the Session has elected to purchase a Rodgers digital organ to replace our current pipe organ. Rodgers Instrument Company is one of the premier builders of digital organs, being featured in such august venues as Carnegie Hall in New York and Loyola University in Los Angeles.

A digital organ will not significantly alter the appearance of the worship space and the speakers can be installed behind the facade pipes so as to preserve the historic aesthetics of the building.

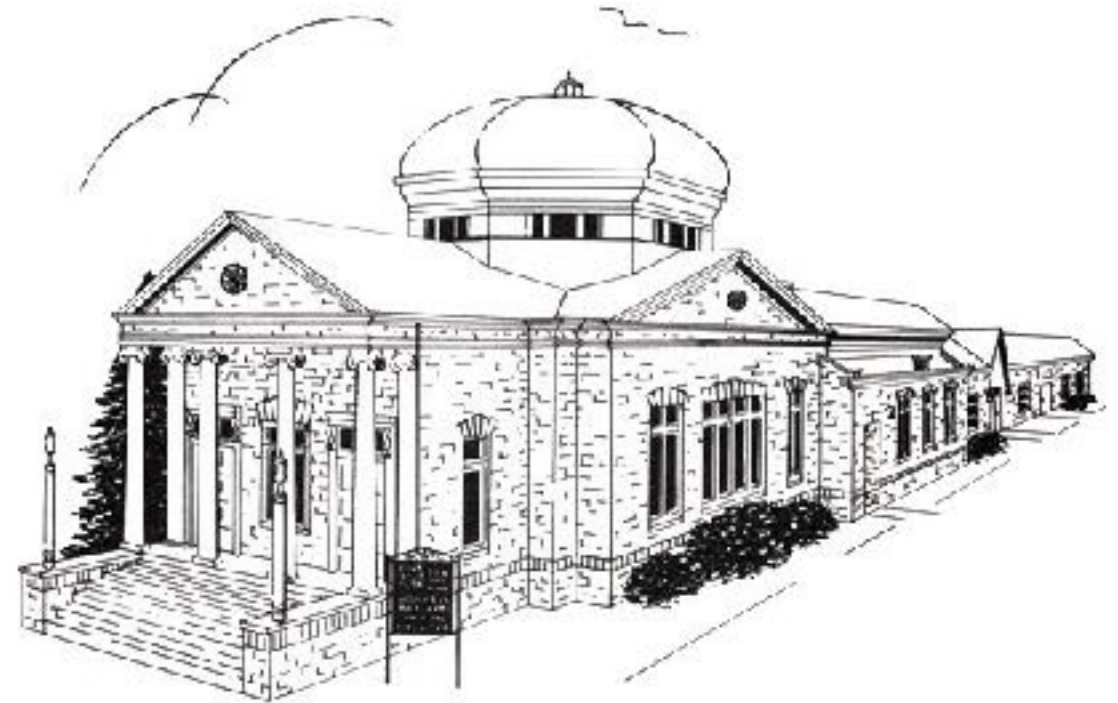
The cost of such an organ is approximately \$35,000. Please consider your ability to contribute to this fund as a part of or above and beyond your stewardship and faithful giving to First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to contribute or make a pledge toward this project, please utilize one of the envelopes or pledge forms available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

### NURSERY

This week: **Desirae Toth**

Next week: **Anita Muir**

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*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, and because of Your truth.*

*Psalm 115:1*

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