



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



DEAR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

Dear 1st Presbyterian members and friends,

Dec 2017/Jan 2018

During the month of December, Christmas songs and carols surround us on radio, TV, every kind of store, at home or church. Then January comes and its back to elevator music, songs of the 60s & 70s, or the latest pounding of the head.

So, for Advent and Christmas, how about when you hear a carol, take one phrase from it and focus on the words for your thoughts prayer and thoughts throughout the day? I don't mean "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas: when I'm fast asleep, down the chimney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep..." Or, "O Christmas Tree: forever true your color." And, certainly not: "Fa la la la la; la la, la la."

I mean "O come let us adore him... O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray... Son of God, love's pure light... Born to give us second birth... O tidings of comfort and joy... Let every heart prepare him room... Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save... Come adore on bended knee... His power and glory evermore proclaim."

Not "Happy" Holidays or even "Merry" Christmas, but "I hope you'll have a blest Christmastime." And when January arrives, take the hymns from Sunday worship and do the same. "Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty..."

All in the name of our Savior, Jesus,

Pastor Mike

Rev. Dr. Michael Imperiale

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Weekly Meetings

Girl Scouts K-3rd

♦Monday (6:30 p.m.),
bi-weekly

Cub Scouts

♦Tuesday (6:30 p.m.)

Boy Scouts

♦Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Choir Rehearsal

♦Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

AA Meetings

♦Sunday (7:30 p.m.)
♦Tuesday (12:00 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m.)
♦Friday (12:00 p.m.)
♦Saturday (5:00 p.m.)

Overeaters Anonymous

♦Sunday (5:00 p.m.)

Workaholics Anonymous

♦Tuesday (7:15 PM)

Debtors Anonymous

♦Thursday (12:00PM)

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

In the sermon that I shared in November regarding Paul's emphasis on Christ as the foundation of the church, I asked if First Presbyterian is willing to be founded on Christ and nothing else. I asked if we are willing to be different than the world. Rev. David Wells, professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, wrote a book titled *The Courage to be Protestant*. I want to share a couple of paragraphs from this book with you and hope you will consider what it should mean for First Pres in 2018.

"The church is not our creation. It is not our business. It is not there for us to advance our careers in it. It is not there for our own successes. It is not a business at all. The church, in fact, was never our idea in the first place...It is true that churches are also organizations. But it is not their organizational side that defines them...the Church is utterly unlike any other organization in the world. In the church are those who belong to another world...when it gathers, it is hearing a summons to stand before the God of all eternity, to worship in awe before him, to acknowledge his greatness, to humble itself, to learn to live in this world on God's terms, and to do its business as his. It is in all these ways otherworldly... Churches that want to influence their culture are so often tempted to think that to be effective they must hide their otherworldliness and become slickly 'this-worldly'... Churches that actually do influence the culture – here is the paradox – are those that distance themselves from it in their internal life. They do not offer what can already be had on secular terms in their culture. They are an alternative to it... their preoccupations are with the God of their salvation who in his

holiness and grace is completely unlike anything we find in life...The most important thing we learn about the church is that it is God who builds it...Of course it is true that the church needs to be led, taught, pastored, and organized... But we must start with the bedrock truth that it is God alone who builds and nourishes it. The reason we must start here is that this divine work is what prescribes what the church is and how it is best served."

Have you ever thought of church this way? As "otherworldly?" As being owned and operated by God and a portal to God's kingdom? Can we really operate the church that way? Not only can we, but we must. It simply is not ours. I pray we find the ways in which God wants to use us (First Presbyterian) and continue to use us for God's purposes and bring more of those in this world into God's presence and glory.

Blessings, Pastor Chris



TREASURER'S REPORT



**PLEASE REMEMBER FPC
IN YOUR WILL, TRUST,
OR IRA**

Income & Expenses

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Total Income & Expenses <i>As of October 31, 2017</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 279,715	\$258,089
Total Income	503,565	405,559
Total Expense	503,565	479,559
Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 29,972	\$ 25,391
Total Income	50,357	43,143
Total Expenses	50,357	45,174

As happens in the church giving cycle every year, we are once again experiencing a deficit in church income compared to expenses for the church's ministry. Because of this, we are reducing expenses as much as possible. If you are able to bring your estimate of giving current or make a contribution, it would be very much appreciated!

Contribution statements will be sent out the first part of December. A negative difference (-diff.) reflects the remaining amount of your 2017 estimate of giving. Statements are sent out to inform contributors of their gifts and to ensure that donations are being properly credited. Please check your statements for accuracy. If you have any corrections or questions, please contact the church treasurer, Nancy Savage. She is in the church office on Monday and Thursday.

Year-end contributions to the church MUST BE RECEIVED no later than the end of the last business day of the year, December 29th, to be eligible as an IRS charitable deduction for 2017.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 boxed offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex and at the reception desk beginning December 24, 2017. **They will not be sent in the mail.** Please feel free to pick up a set.

The total received for the Ulster Project Offering at the Kirkin' Services was \$ 1,380.00.

We received \$1,208.00 for the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship campaign for 2017 is continuing. You should have received stewardship information and a Giving Card in the mail. If you have not turned in your Giving Card, please prayerfully consider filling out your card and sending it to the church. Giving Cards are also available at the reception desk. Session will finalize the budget at the December Session meeting.



Women's Bible Study for Mothers

This is a Bible study for mothers. Child care can be made available. We meet twice per month. Contact **Pastor Chris** (801) 363-3889 x 225.

Tuesday Morning Women's Group

6:30 am, second and fourth Tuesdays at the Coffee Garden (878 E 900 S, SLC). Contact **Kristin Mullen**, kristinharvey82@gmail.com.

Tuesday Men's Breakfast—

7 am—8:15 am
Men's Breakfast Tuesday mornings at Gourmandise Bakery on 250 S 300 E
Contact **Pastor Mike** (801) 363-3889 x 224.

Thursday Women's Bible Study —1:00 pm

We meet every Thursday here at First Pres. Contact **JoAnn Armstrong** a801-521-9271.

Thursday Evening Men's Group

—6:30 pm
We meet on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC Library. Contact **Chuck Britter** (801) 295-6640.

YOUTH MINISTRY

It has been a fairly dry winter so far and the students of FPC have been taking advantage of it.

Confirmation Class has been great over the last 2 months. We will be taking a break from it through December and pick back up in January. Confirmation Sunday will be on February 11 at 11am.

On December 10, the youth (along with the rest of the congregation), will be caroling at a few different assisted living homes including the VA. It is always a powerful experience as we bring some smiles to the residents.

At 12:30 pm on December 17 will be the date of the FPCSLC White Elephant Christmas Party. It will be a potluck lunch at the church. After the exchange, we will be heading over to Gateway to watch Star Wars: The Last Jedi from 3:30 pm-6:00 pm. Cost is \$5.

There will be a Family Christmas Eve Service at 11am on Sunday, December 24th. This is wonderful time for us to come together and celebrate the birth of Christ with our church family. Candelight services will be offered at 8PM and 11PM.

January 20 will be the 4th annual Brighton Ski Trip. We will be meeting at the ticket office at 9:00 am. After hitting the slopes, we will all gather at the Dart's Cabin for a time of fellowship and devotion. It is one of our favorite events of the season.

Look out in the upcoming months for service projects with Crossroads Urban Center. Our students love to serve others through this organization.

If you would like to volunteer for any youth events, service projects, or open your house to a Bible Study please don't hesitate to email or give me a call. Our calendar of projects/events can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Many Blessings,

Nathan M. Parrish
Youth Ministry Director



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids Korner at the Ceilidh

We had a great time in the Kids Korner during the Ceilidh on Saturday, October 29. A steady turnout of kids kept busy with the Bounce House, magic show, and art projects throughout the day.



Kids' Tree and The Greening of the Church

On Sunday, November 26 immediately following the 11:00 am service, we “green-ed the church” in preparation for the Advent season. Kids had a special craft and decorated their own tree during this time.

Ornaments are displayed for all to see during the Advent season on the tree at the front desk.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Sunday, December 3—Sunday, December 17

The Faith Explorers have adopted a Houston Family impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Aurora and Daniel live with their four grandchildren: ages 16 (male), 15 (female), 7 (female), and 5 (male). Their specific needs are blankets, school uniform clothes, socks, and school supplies. The youngest ones might appreciate a few toys. Bring donations on or before Sunday December 17, and we will send the collection to Houston in time for Christmas morning.



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Project

On Sunday, November 12. FPCSLC youth and children filled over 100 shoeboxes with gift donations for children around the world. These shoeboxes will be mailed as a part of Operation Christmas Child along with the message of Jesus' love for children everywhere.

Children and Families Celebrate Christmas

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 am

All kids are invited to morning Christmas Eve service. Children will be featured as dancers, singers, and readers of scripture. Come early to pick out your costume for the a simple Christmas pageant with shepherds, angels and stars.

Winter Curriculum

After finishing up an intense ten-week study of how the Bible is organized, where to find verses in it, and how to use it in our lives, we will begin the New Year back at the beginning. Join us in January back where it all began: God created the Heavens and the Earth. Get a head start in your Jesus Storybook Bible by reading the following stories: The forgiving prince (Genesis 37-46), The beginning: a perfect home (Genesis 1-2), The terrible lie (Genesis 3), A new beginning (Genesis 6-9), and A giant staircase to heaven (Genesis 11).

Christin Abbott

Children's Ministry Director

Faith Explorers 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sundays



Faith Explorers
FPCSLC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dinner at Ronald McDonald House:

Dates are in the column to the left. Those cooking arrive at 4:30 pm and serving arrive at 6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help at 801-363-3889 ext. 225



Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making:

Come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen. Dates are found in the column to the left.

Serving Dinner @ Vinny's: Thursdays, December 14 and January 11
Please call Taffy Kosierowski (801- 673-0457) for more info.

Please visit Crossroads' web site at www.crossroadsurbancenter.org for an extensive food pantry need list, as well as new online donation options to help stock the emergency pantry with items of most pressing need for the pantry and thrift store.

Do you have an idea about a place in the community where we could/ should be involved?

Contact Christine Gibbs (801-808-6140) or Melissa Piercey so we can get connected!

SERVICE

Dec 7 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Dec 13 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
3:30 pm

Dec 14 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
9:30 am

Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

Jan 4 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Jan 10 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
3:30 pm

Jan 11 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
9:30 am

Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

An Afternoon of Christmas Caroling

Traveling by bus to 3 assisted living facilities in Salt Lake City, you are welcome to join in caroling for residents who light up with the joy of Christmas.

Meet at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 10 at 12:30 pm.



The bus will leave 1st Pres at 1:00 pm and return by 2:30 pm.



INTRODUCING “60+” AT 1st PRES

Once a month, older adults will be invited to enjoy a 60+ luncheon at 1st Presbyterian Church.

The first one: “A Christmas Lunch” - Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Area.

Pastor Mike will bring a Christmas message and lead the singing of carols and songs.

Invitations are in the mail. Please RSVP by Friday, December 8th to Jen at the office at 801-363-3889



TROOP 34

2017 is coming to an end and we at Troop 34 have much to be thankful for. Being a member includes not just camping and earning merit badges, but it also includes participating with service projects. Recently, members of Troop 34 helped with the annual church cleanup. Members also had the privilege of helping Assistant Scoutmaster, Jim Jette’s family. Jim has been an integral part of Troop 34 and his son, James, just became an Eagle Scout.

Service projects will continue during December: gathering hats, gloves and underwear to be given to the Road Home.

Camping and hiking activities included a trip to Notch Peak, located west of Delta, Utah, traveling to City of Rocks in Northern Utah and our most recent outing was to Big Rock in the San Rafael swell of central Utah. We are grateful for support from parents and Scout leaders who encourage and take the time out of their schedules to make these trips happen.

Troop 34 held a Court of Honor where Scouts received many merit badges, rank advancements and learned how successful our annual wreath selling fundraiser turned out. Congratulations to Sinjin Steed for selling the most wreaths. Money raised from Troop fundraisers go into the Scout’s account and helps pay for



campouts, registration and for bigger trips, like 2018’s Philmont high adventure Scout Camp. Thank you to those members of First Presbyterian for helping with this fundraiser!

Upcoming events include:

January: Klondike

Derby and Night Skiing;

February: Winter Camping/Snow Caves and Scout Sunday.

If you have a boy or know someone who would be interested in Scouting, please contact one of the following:

Boys 6 to 10 years old -
Cub Master: Susan Bland –
801-484-0251 or

Boys 11 to 18 years old –
Scout Master: Chad Bradford -
801-403-5613 or
chadlbradford@gmail.com



SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec 9** **Vivaldi
by
Candlelight**
8:00 pm
- Dec 10** **Christmas
Caroling**
12:30 pm
- Dec 17** **Chancel
Choir
Christmas
Concert**
7:00 pm
- Dec 24** **Christmas
Eve
Service**
11:00 am
8:00 pm
11:00 pm

CUB SCOUT PACK 3034

We had several Cub Scouts and families attend the opening night of the Grizzlies hockey season. Everyone had a great time.

Cub Scouts also held their monthly pack meeting on October 24th where the Cub Scouts received their Awards and did some skits, Ivan Decaro one of Cub Scouts received the highest award in Cub scouting where he received the Arrow of Light and is now a member of Scout Troop 34.

The Cub Scouts did a tour of the Salt Lake Police Department on November 15th with 18 Cub Scouts, 4 leaders and 20 family members.

The Cub Scouts also had their annual Popcorn sale fund raiser and would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of the Scouting program and is greatly appreciated. If you would like to support the Cub Scout program with a donation please make a check out to Cub Scout Pack 3034 and give to one of the leaders.

Cub Scout Pack is for all boys from Kindergarten Age to fifth grade with

Dens starting with the new Lion Den for kindergarten age, Tiger Den for first graders, Wolfs Den for second graders, Bears Den for third graders, and Webelo's Den for 4th and 5th graders. If your boy is interested in Cub Scouting please contact Dan Zaharias or Susan Bland. The Cub Scouts meet three or four times a month with two or three den meetings and one pack meeting.

P.S. for more information on the Cub Scout Program please contact the following, Cub Master:

Susan Bland 801-918-5190, Email: sdmbland@yahoo.com
Committee Chair Troop 34/ Cub Pack 3034:
Dan Zaharias 801-808-6683 cell or 801-968-7593



MEN'S MINISTRY

Tuesday Men's Breakfast:

Men's Breakfast –
Tuesdays 7:00 am – 8:00 am
at Gourmandize Bakery & Café
250 S 300 E
December 5, 12, 19;
January 9, 16, 23, 30
Great way to start the day!

Thursday Men's Group:

This is a study group for men who are interested in growing in their faith and finding how God's Word can help them in their walk with

the Lord. We meet in the Church Library every Thursday beginning at 6:30 pm and wrapping up around 8:00 pm. If you are interested in growing in your faith & having a stronger walk with our Lord and Savior, please join us.

FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE

CONTACT EITHER

PASTOR MIKE AT (801)363-3889

OR

**CHUCK BRITTER AT
(801)295-6640**

BASEMENT KITCHEN

First Presbyterian Church
Basement Kitchen

Recently our basement commercial kitchen was inspected by the fire inspector. He told us that we must install an Ansul fire suppression system if we would like to cook anything with grease laden vapors. The Ansul fire suppression system is set up to put out any grease fire that occurs on the stove and in the ovens, including the convection ovens. Our current hood system and venting would need to be brought up to current code and a make-up air system would need to be installed. The make-up air system consists of venting that will go from outside the building and in front of the hood system over the stove. It will need its own heating and air conditioning system that run even after the fire alarm system shuts off the rest of the HVAC system in the building. In order to install this system, it will require a building permit and the plans will need to be approved by Salt Lake City and must meet both Salt Lake City fire safety code and health code.

We have received bids on the work that is required to bring the basement kitchen up to code. It is estimated to cost between \$20K-\$30K provided nothing else is required to meet the code when we have the plans approved and the improvements are being made. The church does not have money in the budget to meet these costs. We are looking to raise funds towards these improvements and appreciate any donations that are made. The proceeds (~\$3,000) from

our recent Scottish Festival have been designated to go towards these renovations as the kitchen is instrumental in providing a successful festival each year as well as many other events that are held during the year. We have also received \$2,500 in generous donations.

While we are raising funds for the kitchen renovation, we will have limited use of the stove and the ovens. We can use the stove and the ovens to warm food that does not contain grease of any sort. This includes any meat due to the fats in the meat, butter, oil, shortening, etc. The fire department starts fines at \$5,000 per incident or item cooked that violates code and the insurance will not cover the cost of a fire to the building. Due to the severity of the issue we are placing strict limitations on the use of the kitchen. All items requiring the use of the stove or ovens must be preapproved. The kitchen will be kept locked and the gas to these items will be kept off. In order to use the kitchen, permission and approval must be asked for at least 3 business days in advance (keep in mind the FPC office is closed on Mondays). We ask for your support by way of prayers, donations, volunteering to help with or head up fundraisers, and following the new guidelines of the kitchen.

Thank you!
FPC Staff and Members

YOUTH AND ADULT SKI DAY!

Sat. Jan 20 at Brighton, followed by Aprés Ski at the Dart home in Big Cottonwood cabin. Meeting in front of ticket window at Brighton 8:45 am. Leaving for Dart home at 3:00 pm.

Sign up in fellowship area after Christmas.

Youth see Nathan for details.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, January 28
following 11:00 am
worship

Lunch in the Fellowship
Hall

Annual Report for 2017;
Present the 2018 Budget

Pastor's Terms of Call;
Elect 2018 Nominating
Cmt

(look for details about
bringing food to share)

Did You Know?

Per Capita Apportionment is used to maintain the administration of our denomination. Your special gift of \$38.00 per member in your family will help maintain the quality of our extended family and the PCUSA denomination.

The envelope for this offering will be located in the boxes of 2017 offering envelopes. 2017 offering envelope boxes are available in the Narthex.

READINGS FOR ADVENT 2018

The season of Advent is December 3 through the 24 (as short as the “four weeks” before Christmas can be... this year three weeks and one day). Nonetheless, a booklet of daily readings is available on the



literature tables in the narthex, fellowship area and front desk. Enjoy the important writers of our day – John Ortberg, Fleming Rutledge, N.T. Wright, William Willimon, among them. Simply titled “Advent,” please take on and read it each day.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC ALL AROUND Concerts for the Season



December 9
8:00 pm

“Vivaldi by Candlelight”
(tickets required)

[https://www.brownpapertickets.com/
event/3071423](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3071423)

December 10
12:30—2:00 pm

“Christmas Caroling”

For young & old
After church by bus
to assisted living centers

December 12
11:30 am—1:00 pm

“60+ Christmas Lunch”

Christmas carols and message

December 17
7:00 pm

“A Christmas Concert”

of lessons and carols
The Christmas Story Read and Sung
The Choir of 1st Presbyterian Church

December 24
10:30 pm

“A Prelude Concert”

Christmas Eve
Just Prior to the 11:00 pm
Candlelight Service

(and, of course, music and worship each Sunday
December 3, 10, & 17 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am)



BIRTHDAYS

December	
Kossi Agbabli	12/1
AJ Morley	12/1
Joann Svikhart	12/13
Laura Shafer	12/16
Vaughn McDonald	12/21
Joan Isaacs	12/24
Michele Weeks	12/26

January	
Nyabel Chuong	1/1
Dorothy Dart	1/1
Zafar Iqbal	1/1
Ruth Samuel	1/1
Ervin Stankevitz	1/1
Cameron Hodgson	1/2
Susan Kosak	1/4
Joy Snow	1/10
Annie Haile	1/12
Elizabeth Nelson	1/13
Marcel Ntyam	1/16
Siegfried Bauer	1/17
Don Alexander	1/20
Thomas Silas	1/21
Shirley Benzley	1/30
Kennth Mulholland	1/30
Dale Strobel	1/30
Judy Martin	1/31

First Pres Kids

Sasikia Buschmann	12/3
Eva Elmer	12/3
Bella Haile	12/14
Luke Belisle	12/18
Murphy Brennan	12/27
Michael Lamb	12/28
Scout Weiseth	12/28

Bailey Britter	1/4
Griffin Simpson	1/12
Berkly Pecoraro	1/16
Mayain Rout	1/21
Masseh Masih	1/22
Anna Fisher	1/24

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to the Winter *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for the February/March 2018 Chimes articles is Friday, January 19.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH FIRST PRES.

Did you know First Pres. has weekly email announcements as well as a monthly newsletter? To sign up for our weekly announcements and our digital version of *The Chimes*, visit www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 am: Praise Band & Songs
11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

December 3

Advent 1

The Miracle of the Moment

Galatians 3:26-4:7

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 10

Advent 2

The Miracle of the Message

Hebrews 1:1-9

December 17

Advent 3

The Miracle of the Method

Romans 11:1-6

December 24

Advent 4

The Miracle of the Manger

John 1:9-14

Christmas Eve

11:00 am 8:00 pm 11:00 pm

No worship service at 9:00 am

December 31

The Miracle of Seeing

Luke 2:25-33

New Year's Eve

2018

January 7

Epiphany

The Church Today: Hopeful or Hopeless?

Philippians 2:1-11

January 14

"The Church Today: Old or New?"

Colossians 3:1-17

January 21

"The Church Today: Leading or Following?"

1 Corinthians 3:3-15

January 28

"The Church Today: In Touch or Out of Touch?"

Ephesians 4: 14-32