

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

5:00 P.M.



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THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.
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PASTOR EMERITUS

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COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2023

5:00 P.M.

CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BY †

PRELUDE

“Noël Grand Jeu et Duo ”

Louis Daquin

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

INTROIT

“Light of Hope, Light of Peace”

Mark Patterson

Cherub and Alleluia Choirs

(Participating children are dismissed to sit with family.)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

Leader: A child has been born for us,

People: a son given to us;

Leader: authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

†CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymn No. 41

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! | 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! |
| 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! | |

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH Clark & Margaret Todd Truluck and family

CALL TO OFFERING

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

OFFERTORY

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Kirk Choristers

12 Century Chant

Adapted Thomas Helmore

(Kirk Choristers are dismissed to sit with family.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Silent Night, Holy Night” (verses 1 & 3)

Hymn No. 60

Buddy Morgan, guitar

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART I

Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:1-7
(read from Today's English Version)

Will LeClercq
(pew Bible, page 783; 832)

CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 & 2)
(Mary, Joseph, and donkey journey to Bethlehem.)

Hymn No. 44

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| 1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight. | 2. For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth. |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART II

Luke 2:8-14
(Today's English Version)

Kitty Smith
(pew Bible, page 833)

CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (verses 1 & 3)
(Angels come forward and proclaim Christ's birth.)

Hymn No. 23

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| 1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! | 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART III

Luke 2:15-20
(Today's English Version)

Peter LeClercq
(pew Bible, page 833)

CAROL

"The First Nowell" (verses 1 & 6)
(Shepherds and animals come forward.)

Hymn No. 56

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| 1. The first Nowell the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel. | 6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel. |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART IV

Matthew 2:1-11
(Today's English Version)

Belle Raffle
(pew Bible, page 783)

CAROL

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" (verses 1 & 5)
(Wise Men and camel come forward, following star.)

Hymn No. 66

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| 1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light! | 5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light! |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART V

John 1:1-5
(Today's English Version)

Rose Raffle
(pew Bible, page 862)

(Children are invited to remain with the live nativity until after the Benediction)

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| 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |
| 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found. | 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love. |

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

POSTLUDE

"Swiss Noel"

Louis Daquin

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Borrowed costumes may be returned to the portico.
Leader costumes may be returned to church parlor.

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 in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent
 to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.

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WORSHIP LEADERS (not listed above)**MARY:** Ellen Holt**JOSEPH:** Matt Holt**JESUS:** Banks Holt**ANIMALS:** Beatrice Evans (lion), Georgiana Thaxton (sheep), Gus Gresham (donkey), Mary Lou Johnson (camel)**SHEPHERDS:** Oliver Bernard, Victoria Evans, Wit Thaxton**ANGELS:** Hazel Bello, Gretchen Dawson, Della Gregory, Mary Caroline Siegling, Adair Smith, Susanna Woodward**STAR:** Bee Dawson**WISE MEN:** Hank Garrett, Charlie Gresham, Burns Hamilton**PAGEANT PERFORMERS DIRECTED BY:** Dorothy Thaxton**COSTUME LEADERS:** Betsy Martin, Tita Massie**READERS:** Peter LeClercq, Will LeClercq, Belle Raffle, Rose Raffle, Kitty Smith**GREETERS:** Scott Evans, Ashley Nutley, Maggie Wall**USHERS:** Whit Smith (Captain), Tate Bernard, Alison Beskin, Ellie Brooks, Anc Clarkson, Hunter Dawson,
Stephen Ham, Kenneth Johnson, John Metcalf, Anne Smith**DEACONS:** Susan Leland, Debbie Rice-Marko,**ORGANIST:** Lee Kohlenberg**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Chris Rucker**CHERUB & ALLELUIA CHOIRS AND KIRK CHORISTERS DIRECTED BY KATHERINE CLARKSON**

Elly Becker, Phillip Cagle, Sam Cagle, Charlie Darby, Reese Darby, Cora Feussner, Marion Greaver, Mills Henderson, Tuck Leatherman, Van Marko, Rani Sharma, Harriet Shiver, Davis Smith, Marshall Truluck, Anne McLean Ware, Kit Wheeler, Theo Williams, Bedford Armstrong, Harry Blount, Tait Coates, Miles Feussner, William Henderson, Gray Lee, Sawyer Smith, Louise Greaver, Elizabeth Kunes, Hicks Leatherman, Charlotte Marko, Lily McGann, Eva Riddle, Gaurav Sharma, Jayne Fraser Shiver, Lilla Truluck, Turner Wilkins, Eloise Williams, Bethan Calhoun, Davis Feussner, Fulton Greaver, Frank Johnson, Devereux Stoddard, Anna Clarke Thornton, Ella Coates, Beatrice Evans, Anderson Freeman, Thomas Jackson, William Jackson, Naisy Marko, Henry Rogers, Cole Ware, Rose Williams, Reagan Calhoun, Gus Gresham, McKenzie Warren, Zoe Wheeler, Victoria Evans, Mary Lou Johnson, Oliver Riddle