

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024



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CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2024

5:00 P.M.

CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BY †

PRELUDE "Where Are the Happy Shepherds Going?" Claude Balbastre

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

INTROIT "Away in a Manger" William J. Kirkpatrick
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 Brent & Lizzie Hamilton and Family

CALL TO OFFERING The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

OFFERTORY "Go Tell It on the Mountain" John Wesley Work, Jr.
Kirk Choristers
(Kirk Choristers are dismissed to sit with family.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Silent Night, Holy Night" (verses 1 & 3) Hymn No. 60

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)

Elizabeth Yount
 (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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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART II

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

Bee Dawson
 (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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| <p>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!</p> | <p>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!</p> |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART III

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

Keller Barton
 (pew Bible, page 833)

CAROL

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

Hymn No. 56

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART IV

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

Pinckney Smith
 (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 (Verses 1 & 5)

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| <p>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!</p> | <p>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!</p> |
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY PART V

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

Scout Bolt
 (pew Bible, page 862)

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

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

POSTLUDE

Toccatà on "He is born, the Divine Child"

Denis Bédard

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

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OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY

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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:** Lindsay Marko**JOSEPH:** Evan Marko**JESUS:** Olive Marko**ANIMALS:** Charlotte Dawson (sheep), Frank Johnson (donkey), Gracie Ramsay (camel)**SHEPHERDS:** Jarvis Darby, Quinn Darby, Gus Gresham, Kenneth Johnson, Baker Wallace**ANGELS:** Katherine Barton, Hazel Bello, Gretchen Dawson,
Mary Lou Johnson, Mary Caroline Siegling, Georgiana Thaxton**STAR:** Kate Yount**WISE MEN:** Charlie Gresham, Oliver Riddle, Wit Thaxton**PAGEANT PERFORMERS DIRECTED BY:** Dorothy Thaxton**COSTUME LEADERS:** Legare Gresham, Trudy Marosok, Betsy Martin**COSTUME DISTRIBUTION ON PORTICO:** Ansley Feussner, Lila Garrett, Louisa Garrett, Todd Garrett**HYMN CUE CARD LEADER:** Elizabeth Riddle**READERS:** Keller Barton, Scout Bolt, Bee Dawson, Pinckney Smith, Elizabeth Yount**GREETERS:** Oliver Bernard, Harvey Mason, John Robinson**USHERS:** Dave Neff (Captain), Tate Bernard, Anc Clarkson, Hunter Dawson, David McCormack,
Margaret McCormack, Campbell Smith, Porter Yount, David Warren, Keith Blake, Greg Robinson**DEACONS:** Debbie Rice-Marko, Jason Wall**ORGANIST:** Dr. Anthony Williams**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Chris Rucker**CHERUB & ALLELUIA CHOIRS AND KIRK CHORISTERS DIRECTED BY MEREDITH SHARMA AND ALISON BESKIN**

Philip Cagle, Sam Cagle, Charlotte DesChamps, Marion Greaver, Florence Ham, Van Marko, Banks Marko, John McCollum,
Warren Miller, Monty Newberry, Gracie Ramsay, Harrison Rushing, Wells Rushing, Rani Sharma, Davis Smith, Smith Stoddard,
Marshall Truluck, Sally Wilkins, Theo Williams, Wylie Wolfenden, Jane Zeigler, Elizabeth Dawson, Penn DesChamps, Ford Fayard,
Louise Greaver, Frank Johnson, Elizabeth Kunes, Charlotte Marko, Lilly McGann, Mullins McLeod, Eva Riddle, Gaurav Sharma,
Sawyer Smith, Lilla Truluck, Turner Wilkins, Eloise Williams, Manning Zeigler, Weasie Boyd, Bethan Calhoun, Beatrice Evans,
Campbell Frick, Abigail Frick, Amelia Frick, Mac Newberry, Dawson Newberry, Henry Rogers, Devereux Stoddard,
McKenzie Warren, Rose Williams