

2021 Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.



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Welcome

Rev. Ansley Page

Introit

Jesus Born in Beth'lem
Appalachian Folk Song

Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Iona Community, *Cloth for the Cradle*

Catherine Jenkins

One: Light looked down and saw darkness.

All: "I will go there," said Light.

One: Peace looked down and saw war.

All: "I will go there," said Peace.

One: Love looked down and saw hatred.

All: "I will go there," said Love.

One: So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,
came down and crept in beside us.

All: Let us worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lyerly Family
Erin, Connor, and Caroline

Unison Prayer

Lord, we rejoice that you have come among us. May the flame of the candle remind us that you are the Light of the World. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful - #133

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!

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God,
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!

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O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

† Congregation will stand

The Journey to Bethlehem

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

Kate Lancaster

Carol

Away in a Manger - #114

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care.
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Angels Tell of Jesus' Birth: Luke 2:8-14

Malcolm Cleland

One: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising
God and saying,
All: **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!”**

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High - #113

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

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!
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Shepherds Go to See Baby Jesus: Luke 2:15-19

Harriet Lynch

Carol

Silent Night - #122

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.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!”

Magi Bring Gifts: Matthew 2:1-11

Abby Clementson

Presentation of Offering

Addyson Hammett

Carol

Joy to the World - #134

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

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.

Prayer

Catherine Jenkins

Carol

Go Tell It on the Mountain - #136

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

Benediction

Rev. Ansley Page



- Holy FamilyLeslie and Russ Calicutt, Lila, Russell and Olin
- Angel Grace Mitchell and Anne Neely
- Shepherds Jack Langley, Will Floyd, Brogdon Mitchell and Charlotte Clementson
- Magi Ellis Goodwin, Xander Curtis and Lettie Brown
- Bulletin Cover Art..... Sadie Brock
- Ushers Lilla Langley, Jane and Grant Close, Mary and Christopher Curtis

For our Christmas Eve offering, all non-designated gifts will be used to support Hand-in-Hand ministries. A member of this congregation started this initiative last spring after witnessing extreme poverty in Spartanburg. Hand-in-Hand works with social workers in Spartanburg County schools to help get basic needs for children, including clothing, household items, food, and more.