

*Annual White Gifts Service
Around the World at Christmas*



*Wednesday
December 14, 2022
6:30pm*

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

KARA CLARK

SCRIPTURE LITANY

READING: LUKE 2:8-14

RESPONSE: *Thank you, God, for Jesus*

READING: JOHN 8:12

RESPONSE: *Thank you, God, for the Light and the Way*

READING: MATTHEW 28:18-20

RESPONSE: *Thank you, God, for sharing the Word with the world.
Help us to share your light with our neighbors near and far.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem, Verses 1 and 3

ST. LOUIS

AROUND THE WORLD AT CHRISTMAS

GREAT BRITAIN SAYS "HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

Here We Come A-Caroling

Mid 19th Century

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, #113

Angels We Have Heard on High, Verses 1 and 3

GLORIA

FRANCE SAYS "JOYEUX NOEL"

Pat-a-Pan

Arr. Ruth Schram
CHARLOTTE CLEMENTSON, CATHERINE JENKINS, CAROLINE LYERLY, JILLIAN SCOTT, SOLOISTS

POLAND SAYS "WESOLYEH SWIAT"

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Folk Melody

UKRAINE SAYS "SHCHASLYVOHO RIZDVA"

Нова радість стала (A New Joy Has Been Revealed)

Traditional Ukrainian Carol

A new joy has been revealed that never has before.

Above the manger there's a bright star shining throughout the whole world.

KENYA SAYS "KRISMASI NJEMA"

Kaunga Yachee (Sin Came)

Sin came, sin came

Sin came to the world

And brought sickness

Sin removed our safety

Sin weakened our strength

And brought trouble and death unto us

Sin separates us from God

Traditional Kenyan
WINNIE MBURU, SOLO

SPAIN SAYS “FELIZ NAVIDAD”

Fum, Fum, Fum

Arr. John D. Miller

WEST INDIES SAY “BON PASCO”

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Traditional West Indian Carol

AUSTRIA SAYS “FROLICHE WEIHNACHTEN”

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.

Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber

PRAYER OF BLESSING

REV. LESLIE LANG

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS

Please join in our Carol Sing (see insert)

BENEDICTION

REV. ALAN DYER

CONTRIBUTING TO TONIGHT’S SERVICE

CAROLINE AND CONNOR LYERLY, ELLA JANE BROWN, LYLE ROOS, CATHERINE JENKINS,

WINNIE MBURU, SADIE MOORE, LILY DARGIS, AND CHARLOTTE CLEMENTSON, READERS

BRUCE CAMPBELL, PIANO AND ORGAN

RAFE ANDREWS, PERCUSSION

JANET KUNTZ, FLUTE

MARCH MOODY AND ABBY CLEMENTSON, VIOLIN

MARTHA BEAN, SCRIPT

CATHY BAGWELL, SUZY COLE, ERIN DYER, CHRISTIE KOCISKO, IAN RITCHINGS, AND LEE SHIRLEY, SET CREATORS

TODD CAMP AND CRAIG FOSTER, SOUND AND SCREEN

SPECIAL THANKS TO

LEANNA SAKALOSH AND HER CHORUS TEACHER, LORA HAMMETT, AT RAINBOW LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR THEIR HELP IN SHARING OUR UKRANIAN CAROL, *Нова радість стала (NOVA RADIST STALA)*; TRANSLATION: A NEW JOY HAS BEEN REVEALED.

MARCH MOODY AND CHARLOTTE NEIDENBACH WHO LED THE JOYFUL SOUND CHOIR (4K) THIS FALL WHILE DEBBIE KEISER RECOVERED FROM SURGERY!

NOTE TO ALL CHOIR PARENTS

NEXT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, THERE WILL BE A REHEARSAL FROM 5:00 - 5:45 IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ANY CHOIR SINGERS (5K - 5TH GRADE) WHO WILL BE HERE TO SING FOR THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 4:00PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. CHILDREN’S CHOIRS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 11, 2023.

Carol Sing

Joy to the World

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright 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.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

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!

The First Nowell

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.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
born is the King of Israel.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart, and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Children's Choirs Sing on Christmas Eve

For those of you who will be in town on Christmas Eve and would like for your child (5K-grade 5) to sing at the 4:00pm Family Christmas Eve service, there will be ONE REHEARSAL on Wednesday, December 21st from 5:00-5:45pm in the sanctuary to prepare for this event. If you are unable to participate in this service, please note that all children's choirs will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. We wish all children and their families a very Blessed Christmas!

THE HISTORY OF “WHITE GIFTS”

White Gifts is credited to the wife of a Methodist minister from Ohio in 1904. She was familiar with the Chinese tradition where each person gave their king a gift on his birthday. To emphasize the love and intent of the gift, rather than the size or value, every gift would be given anonymously, and all would look the same...wrapped in white paper. Inspired by the legend, the minister's wife and daughters asked their congregation to bring gifts for their King, Jesus; and a beautiful new tradition spread throughout the Christian world. The White Gift Service shares in the spirit of Christ and the God of love at Christmas in the giving of gifts to people in need and celebrates the stewardship of God's love and giving at the time of year when we remember the coming of the King of Kings. First Presbyterian Church has celebrated White Gifts for over 50 years.

Your gifts this evening will be distributed to these local mission partners of FPC:

HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN (Spartanburg, SC) - - The mission of Hope Center for Children is to build stable, healthy families and provide children a safe place from abuse and neglect. Our name captures what is at the heart of each of our programs: providing hope to children and families. We believe that the best way to make sure children in our community thrive, is to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and support they need to overcome barriers and to teach strong values and life skills to their children. Our programs offer this support, working with the whole family. However, for some children, when home is not safe for them, we provide around-the-clock care and teaching to make sure they are successful. All our programs use evidence-based and/or evidence-informed models, yielding outstanding outcomes and providing a community where children are assured love and safety. www.hopecfc.org

MOBILE MEALS - (Spartanburg, SC) - Glorifies God by providing nutritious meals, services, and fellowship to the frail and homebound of Spartanburg County. Established in 1977, Mobile Meals of Spartanburg today has 1300 volunteer drivers committed to caring for approximately 1500 individuals daily via 130 routes throughout Spartanburg County. The need for meals and fellowship continues to grow as life expectancies increase, hospitals discharge patients earlier with an emphasis on in-home care, and the family unit as a primary caretaker is fragmented. Every meal we deliver comes with a side of fellowship, love, compassion, and hope. www.mobile-meals.org

THORNWELL (Clinton, SC) - Founded in 1875, Thornwell is a diverse non-profit ministry committed to the most innovative and effective solutions to heal, strengthen, and empower children and families. Thornwell aligns with child welfare agencies to prevent child abuse and neglect, build up and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Today, the same spirit that guided our founder to create a home for orphans provides hope and healing for some of society's most vulnerable. We believe in a world where everyone belongs to a thriving family, and this belief guides everything we do to heal and build up children and families. This mission comes to life on Thornwell's residential and educational campus in Clinton, South Carolina where evidence-based programs offered by master's level, licensed therapists who partner with children and families to give them the tools they need to build healthy relationships and strong bonds for the future. www.thornwell.org

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