



first presbyterian

CHURCH OF NASHVILLE



December 24, 2017
5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2017

CAROL SING	Bill Caruso and Rhonda Swanson
OPENING SENTENCES	Todd Jones
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	Hutton Wall
OPENING VOLUNTARY	Hebridean arr. Carol McClure

Immanuel, My Lord, My King

My love, my joy, my pleasure, oh,
My wonder new and pleasure, oh,
My Lord, my beauty ever, oh,
Immanuel, my Lord, my King.
This little babe, the Lord of all,
Your bed shall be a manger stall;
Then at Your feet the world shall fall,
Immanuel, my Lord, my King.

God's angels shall announce Your birth,
And share the news with songs of mirth,
That God has come to dwell on earth,
Immanuel, my Lord, my King.

Alleluia! Amen!

ISAIAH PROMISES THE MESSIAH

*CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Jones

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
Thou hast multiplied the nation,
thou hast increased its joy;
they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest,
as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
thou hast broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon His shoulder,
and His name will be called
“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

(Isaiah 9:2–6)

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

Cloth for the Cradle

*Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child,
the child for our every joy and sorrow.
Find Him a shawl that's woven by us all
to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.*

Darkness and light and all that's known by sight,
silence and echo fading,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
set earth its own maker serenading.

Cloth for the cradle...

Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure,
wealthy whose needs are stranger,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
leave excess and want beneath that manger.

Cloth for the cradle...

Claimant and queen, wage earners in between,
trader and traveling preacher,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
whose word brings new life to every creature.

Cloth for the cradle...

Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care,
searchers of all the ages,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
the Savior of shepherds and of sages.

Cloth for the cradle...

*†OPENING HYMN 133

ADESTE FIDELES

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!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elizabeth Thomson

ANTHEM

Laura Farnell

Unto Us a Child is Born

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given.
God is with us, Emmanuel.
For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given.
Alleluia! A savior has come!

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

He shall be called Emmanuel.
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given.
God is with us, Emmanuel.
For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given.
Alleluia! A savior has come!

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 3:3–6 Bill Caruso

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER Will Blair

AN ANGEL TALKS TO MARY

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 1:26–38 Deb O'Brien

ANTHEM SUSSEX CAROL

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring,
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

PRAYER Lily Fleming

MARY AND JOSEPH GO TO BETHLEHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:1–5 Bill Caruso

HYMN 121 ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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.**

PRAYER Jackson McGuffin

JESUS IS BORN: THE LIGHT COMES INTO THE WORLD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:3–7 Deb O'Brien

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.**

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

PRAYER

Camille McCarter

ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:8–14

Bill Caruso

ANTHEM

THE FIRST NOWELL

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.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

PRAYER

Cruz Clifton

THE SHEPHERDS FIND JESUS

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:15–20

Deb O'Brien

ANTHEM

African American Spiritual
Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. Victor Johnson

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
The shepherds fear and trembled when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Oh! Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
Jesus Christ is Born!

PRAYER

Maggie Hardin

WISE MEN COME TO WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 2:1–11

Bill Caruso

HYMN 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Congregation: **We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain: ***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!***

Kings: Stanzas 2, 3 and 4

Congregation: **Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies.**

Refrain

PRAYER

Bronson Wall

WE SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

James Roberts

When prompted, please bend and snap your candle along entire length, then shake to start the glow. Full glow can take a few minutes. Please take your candle and the label with you as you depart. Glow candles will give light for 6 to 8 hours. Not suitable for children under three years.

May you be light bearers spreading the love, peace, joy and hope of Jesus Christ throughout the coming year.

HYMN 122

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night

**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!
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.**

*†CLOSING HYMN 134

ANTIOCH

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.**

**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.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Craig Phillips

Toccata on "Joy to the World"

* — Those who are able, please stand † — Latecomers may be seated

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor
Deb O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry
Nicholas Bergin, Accompanist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
Bill Caruso, Song Leader & Reader
Psalmody Vocalists & Instrumentalists; Carol McClure, Director
Voluntary: Shona Wood, Voice and Harp
Introit: Brianna Daugherty, Kelly Posey and Jerry Monds

Christ Light Leader: James Roberts
Prayer Readers: Elizabeth Thomson, Will Blair, Lily Fleming,
Jackson McGuffin, Camille McCarter, Cruz Clifton,
Maggie Hardin, Bronson Wall
Isaiah Alice Wall
John the Baptist Andrew Wall
Gabriel Virginia Wall
Mary Mary Oldacre
Joseph Hunter Oldacre
Baby Jesus Catherine Oldacre
Holy Family Sibling Allie Oldacre
Christ Candle Bearer Hutton Wall
Shepherds Hosanna Choir, Kelly Posey and
Brianna Daugherty, Directors
Doxology Choir, Jerry Monds, Director

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love
through worship, education, and service.

Wise Men (in order)

Alex Vorhaus, Drew Gordon
and Nathan Springman

Light Bearers

Members of the Confirmation Class

- The cover for the Christmas Eve bulletin was drawn by Josephine Bowman, a member of the Colossians (3rd grade) Sunday School group.
- Prayers were written by the members of the 5th grade Sunday School group and read by members of the 4th grade Sunday School group.
- Nursery care is available for children ages three and under.



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