



# 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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