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**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2019**

*† CLOSING HYMN 134

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

CAROL SING

Sarah Bird, Bill Caruso
and Rhonda Swanson

OPENING SENTENCES

Ryan Moore

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Matt Hancock

ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH ARE SURPRISED BY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ryan Moore

An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, the priest
when he was serving in the temple.
“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard.
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,
and you will name him John.
You will have joy and gladness,
and many will rejoice at his birth,
for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.”

(Luke 1:13-15a)

At the time of John’s birth,
Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for He has looked favorably on His people
and redeemed them.
And you, child will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,
to give knowledge of salvation
to His people by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break up on us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness.”

(Luke 1:67-68;76-79)

Let us praise the God who brings joy and light to all.
Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

INTROIT

Arr. John L. Bell

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...

**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

Ryan Moore, Pastor

Adam DeVries, Pastor, Scripture Reader

Josh Rodriguez, Pastor, Scripture Reader

Deb O’Brien, Director of Children’s Ministry, Scripture Reader

Mickey Fitts, Elder and Scripture Reader

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist and Accompanist

Sarah Bird, Pastor & Song Leader; Bill Caruso, Song Leader

Introit: Brianna Meler, Kelly Posey and Jerry Monds

Bekah Caruso and Don Fisher, Handbells

Kendall Posey, Soprano; Peggy Naifeh, Flute

Campbell Grace Ward, Bongos

Mary Austin McMullen, Violin

Christ Light Leaders:

Josh Rodriguez and Adam DeVries

Prayer Readers:

Attie Stanley, Lock Ross, Eleanor Yarbrough,

Liam Burton, Laura Thompson, Bennett Conyers,

Kaiser Martin, and Johnny Corn

Zechariah

Matt Pearson

Elizabeth

Amy Pearson

John the Baptist

Stuart Campbell

Angel Gabriel

Lauren Hancock

Mary

Molly Downing

Joseph

Andrew Downing Jr.

Baby Jesus

James Downing III

Christ Candle Bearer

Matt Hancock

Angels & Shepherds

Campbell Pearson, Ella Hancock, Sims Hancock,

Mattie Grace Pearson, and Bailey Pearson

Hosanna Choir, Kelly Posey, Director

Doxology Choir, Brianna Meler, Director

Wise Men (in order)

Jackson Stone, Grafton Brittle

and Elisha McFarlin

Light Bearers

Members of the Confirmation Class:

Kennedy Conyers, Evelyn & Will Watlington,

and Porter Weeks

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

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

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

Johnny Corn

WE SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Josh Rodriguez and
Adam DeVries

*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 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 hope, peace, joy and love 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.**

BENEDICTION

Ryan Moore

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

Attie Stanley

ANTHEM

Michael Bedford

Ding, Dong! Ding, Dong!

Ding, dong! Ding, dong! Hear the bells ring out their song!
Listen to them as they say, "Jesus Christ is born today!"

Joyfully the angels sing, making all the heavens ring:
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

With great joy the shepherds saw
God's own Son in bed of straw:
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 3:3-6

Mickey Fitts

HYMN 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER Lock Ross

AN ANGEL TALKS TO MARY

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 1:26–38 Adam DeVries

HYMN 83 STUTTGART
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

PRAYER Eleanor Yarbrough

MARY AND JOSEPH GO TO BETHLEHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:1–5 Josh Rodriguez

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 Liam Burton

JESUS IS BORN: THE LIGHT COMES INTO THE WORLD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:6–7 Deb O'Brien

ANTHEM Traditional West Indian Carol
arr. Hal H. Hopson
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they said that his name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born.
The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
and proclaimed him the Savior Jesus.

The shepherds ran to where the baby was born.
The shepherds ran to where the baby was born,
the shepherds ran to where the baby was born,
and they worshiped the Savior Jesus.

Sing “Alleluia, allelu,” and they said that His name was Jesus.

PRAYER Laura Thompson

ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:8–14 Mickey Fitts

HYMN 113 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

**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!**

PRAYER Bennett Conyers

THE SHEPHERDS FIND JESUS

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:15–20 Deb O'Brien

ANTHEM Charlotte Algozin
Shepherd Boy

Shepherd boy, shepherd boy look up at the star.
Shepherd boy, shepherd boy it guides from afar.
It's radiant beams shine down through the night.
Shepherd boy, shepherd boy, follow its light.

Leave your hillside, now, don't delay.
Find his manger bed of hay.
Play your pipe and dance with joy,
Welcome Mary's newborn boy.

PRAYER Kaiser Martin

WISE MEN COME TO WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 2:1–11 Josh Rodriguez