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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

**Those who are able, please stand.*

There will not be any nursery available this morning during worship. Our nursery care providers are enjoying time with their families. We do welcome all children in worship and invite families to help themselves to the age-appropriate worship resource carts located in the Narthex.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Christmas is Here

D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

HOPE. PEACE. JOY. LOVE. CHRIST, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Prayer of the Day

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Medley of Christmas Carols (see last page)**

***Hymn #37: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verses 1 and 2)**

***Hymn #38: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1 and 4)**

***Hymn #41: O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 3)**

***Hymn #48: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (verse 1)**

***Hymn #56: The First Nowell (verses 1 and 4)**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

(pew Bible NT, p 218)

"The Spirit of Christmas"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All those who trust and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to come forward to receive the bread of life and cup of salvation. Children are welcome too as God's love envelopes them and claims them even before they profess their faith.

As you come forward to receive the bread of life and cup of salvation, you are invited and encouraged to bring your offerings to God and God's church and place them in the offering plates on the table.

Communion Anthem

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Traditional

Harrison Reed, Soloist

*Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ was born to-day:
Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today.*

*Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath ope'd² the heav'nly door, And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one, and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #29: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

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

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

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

*Benediction

Postlude

Adeste Fideles

D. Cherwein

The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

2023 Pledge Cards and Narrative Budgets are available. If you have not yet completed your commitment to partner with God and God's church here at FPCLY in 2023, we encourage you to do so as soon as you are able. We look forward to partnering with you!

Education Classes Resume - Sunday, January 8 @ 11:00 a.m.

Get ready for Sunday and weekday education opportunities to return! On Sunday, January 8, all classes for adults, youth, and children will be back up and running. We look forward to hallways and classrooms filled with life, laughter, and love as we discover, learn, and grow together!

More information is coming soon!

Malawi Trip

Planning has started for a trip to Malawi in mid to late June 2023 to visit with and learn from our partnering churches and organizations there. If you are interested in learning more about what that trip will look like reach out to Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org) or Bill Perkins (wwbillperkins@gmail.com).

Year-End Reminders from the Business Office

- **2022 Contributions.** All contributions *received in the office by close of business December 29* (due to office closure on 12/30) *or postmarked by December 31* will be posted to contribution statements for the 2022 tax year. Contact Lori Wright with any questions about your *2022 Annual Pledge* or your *Rooted and Reaching* capital campaign pledge.
- **Electronic Contributions (credit card or draft from your checking account).** You can make your credit card contributions now using [our online portal](#) or your online bill pay system. Should you need assistance with either, contact Lori by **December 27** to ensure everything clears for the 2022 tax year.
- **Stock Gift Transfers.** If you plan to transfer stock for your contribution, *please complete those right away.* It takes time for the gifts to be transferred to our accounts & clear by the end of the year.
- **Expense Reimbursements.** Please submit requests for reimbursement for any 2022 expenses by **December 28.** Any checks written after December 31 will be charged to the 2023 budget.
- **Annual Pledge 2023.** If you have not completed your pledge for 2023, please contact Lori Wright.

Contact Lori Wright (lori@fpcly.org), FPCLY Business Director, with questions about any of the above.

**** Please view the calendar at www.fpcly.org or call the church office for more information. ****

Church offices will be closed December 26, 27, 30, and January 2.

Pastors on Call: Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270, Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson (804) 399-9545

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Call To Respond

2022 has been a rather curious year for all of us in many ways and that is true for the church as well. Whereas 2022 expenses are actually below budget, our financial projections for 2022 look to show the church with a revenue shortfall of almost \$100,000. Therefore, we would like to make an appeal to all of you in the Congregation, as the Holidays and year-end approach, to make one extra Christmas gift for First Presbyterian. For those of you who regularly make a late year gift, please consider adding a little. If you fulfill your annual pledge on a monthly basis, please think about adding something to your December contribution. If you have already completed your 2022 Pledge, please add a little "Love Gift" to the Church in your plans. This really is a situation where, if we all help, the work will get done. Thank you for your consideration. Your Finance Committee: Bill Paxton, Chal Nunn, Kathryn Pumphrey, Frank Whitehouse, Dennis Howard, Dave Tate, Randy Nexsen, and Kirk Todd.

Hymn #37: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verses 1 and 2)

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!

Hymn #38: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1 and 4)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Hymn #41: O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 3)

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!

Refrain:

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! [Refrain]

Hymn #48: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (verse 1)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

Hymn #56: The First Nowell (verses 1 and 4)

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

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

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]