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Advent 2022



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❖ **Scene 2: Narrator, Census Takers, Mary, Joseph**

Choral Anthem: *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* (Choir only)

❖ **Scene 3: Innkeeper, Innkeeper's Wife, Mary, Joseph, Narrator**

Choral Anthem: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by night* (Choir only)

Choral Anthem: *Silent Night* (Choir only)

❖ **Scene 4: Shepherd 1, Shepherd 2, Angel, Flock of Sheep, Heavenly Host of Angels**

Choral Anthem: *What Can I Give Him?* (Choir/ Heavenly Host of Angels/ Flock of Sheep)

Choral Anthem: *Away in a Manger* (Choir/ Heavenly Host of Angels/ Flock of Sheep)

❖ **Scene 5: Narrator, Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna**

Choral Anthem: *Go Tell It On the Mountain* (Choir/ Heavenly Host of Angels/ Flock of Sheep)

❖ **Scene 6: Narrator, Mary, Joseph, Magi, Shepherd 1, Shepherd 2**

Hymn 40: *Joy to the World (verses 1 and 4)* (All- Choir, Congregation, Cast- seated)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem**

Coventry Caro

M. Hayes

Braden Jarosz, Soloist

*Lullay, thou little tiny child Sleep well, lully, lullay
And smile in dreaming, little one Sleep well, lully, lullay
Oh sisters too, what may we do To preserve on this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing Sleep well, lully, lullay
Farewell, lully, lullay Herod the king in his raging
Set forth upon this day By his decree, no life spare thee
All children young to slay All children young to slay
Then woe is me, poor child, for thee And ever mourn and say
For thy parting, neither say nor sing Farewell, lully, lullay Farewell, lully, lullay*

***Doxology**

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn 12: People, Look East

Besancon

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*Benediction

Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

R. Elliott

All are encouraged to remain seated for the postlude. Following the postlude, we welcome all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. This morning, all are also welcome to our congregational Christmas Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Story Cast

Mary: Lindsay Wanner

Joseph: Will Absher

Narrator: Darby Byrne

Narrator: Gracie Baldwin

Narrator: Abbie Baldwin

Shepherd 1: Calvin Milam

Shepherd 2: Jeb Milam

Magi: Charlie Landes, Alex Landes, Rob Cleland, Taylor Cleland

Census Takers: Lanie Thompson, Katie Grush

Shepherds: Katie Wolff, Elsa Wolff, Julie Brammer

Shepherds: Abbie Ferrell, Luke Thompson, Sam Thompson, Meredith Borel, Lizzie Milam, Carrington Borel, Benton Whittier, Haven Collier, James Gravely

Magi: Josie Milam, Ella Grace Thompson, Virginia Baldwin, Addie Whittier, Alden Howe, Spence Young, Alli Gallagher, Louis Young

Heavenly Host of Angels: Noah Gowen, William Knight, Margaret Knight, Eli Whetsell, Witt Tinsley, Daniel Whittier, Emmett Collier, Harper Gravely, Addie DeRise, Millie DeRise, Henry Martin, Julia Young, Boone Semenyina, Felicity Pavalonis, Cooper Douglas, Evelyn Douglas, Presley Draper, Lewis Pinkard, Reese Nickerson, Evelyn Camden, Onex Bolling, Lottie Walker, Clara Deppensmith, Callahan Semenyina, Susannah Pinkard, Sutton Walker, George Bolling, Emma Gray

Flock of Sheep: Ray O'Brian, Nash Nelsen, Georgia Absher, Shep Sanzone, Atticus Bryan, Charlie Douglas, Ruby Sweeney, Penelope Burke, Jack Deppensmith, Theodore Harper, Cora Handy, Peter Baldwin

Other Animals: Noah Thompson, Sawyer Howe, William Pavalonis

Angel Gabriel: Whitney O'Brian

Elizabeth: Abigail McAllister

Innkeeper: Caskie Giles

Innkeeper's Wife: Becky Giles

Simeon: Michael Trexler

Anna: Rebekah Trexler

Magi 1: Jason Landes

The Crew!

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| Director: | Kara Byrne |
| Costumes: | Nancy Ann Gowen Diane Stroud |
| Wranglers: | Jenny Osinga Michelle Wyman Jolene Wyman Julie Brammer Lanie Thompson Katie Grush |
| Sign Captain: | Barkley Cleland |
| Props: | Jody Sprinkle Rick Milam |
| Music: | Rosa East Marcia Thom-Kaley Cory Whittier Chancel Choir |
| Video: | Catherine Adams |
| Sound: | Peter Thompson |
| Extra Help: | Fabulous Parents |

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!

PW General Meeting- Monday, December 12 @ 10:00 a.m. (brunch @ 11:00 a.m.)

The meeting will take place in the Chapel and the brunch will be in the Narthex. All participants are asked to bring their favorite Christmas dish to pass and a Show-n-Tell to share.

Christmas Cookie Decorating

High Schoolers Monday, December 19 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of Laurie and Camp Sommardahl (1861 Link Road). **Middle Schoolers**, Wednesday, December 21 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of Kara and Collin Byrne (4819 Old Boonsboro Road). Contact Marcia (434-610-7784) with questions.

Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 18 (after worship)

Session has called this meeting for the purpose of approving the 2023 Terms of Call for Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, Rev. Dr. Peter A. Thompson.

Jericho Baptist Missionary Chapel 45th Annual Toy Barrel – through Friday, December 16th

All NEW toys/games/books are welcomed and can be placed in the barrel in the Foyer. These items will be distributed to families facing financial difficulties this holiday season. Contact Alex with any questions.

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 the QR code to the right 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. ****

Pastor on Call: Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for December: Elinor Ann Clark 434-386-3889 or 434-841-7778,
Gail Kowalski 434-384-6058 or 434-942-1465

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 considerations. Your Finance Committee: Bill Paxton, Chal Nunn, Kathryn Pumphrey, Frank Whitehouse, Dennis Howard, Dave Tate, Randy Nexsen, and Kirk Todd.