



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Nativity of the Lord The Christmas Tableau

December 24, 2011

5:00 PM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here this night.

Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care and other church programs, are available from any usher.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Creator, You have given us the gift of children and of childhood.
Let us embrace the child within us, near us and far from us,
and celebrate the gifts children bring.

VOLUNTARY

The Cradle
Fred Gaul, organist

Robert W. Thygerson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM

Mary, Mary

Avery and Marsh, arr. Burkhardt

Mary, Mary what you gonna name that baby? What you gonna name that holy baby?

Slaves are we and looking for a master. Why don't you call Him Lord? Sh! Let's all call Him Lord!

We, like sheep, need someone to guide us. Why don't you call Him Shepherd? Let's all call Him Shepherd.

Hungry and poor we need someone to save us: Why don't you call Him Savior? Let's all call Him Savior.

Kings of the world, we seek someone to rule us: Why don't you call Him King? Let's all call Him King.

The LOGOS Cherubs
Debbie Eads, leader

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Bill McCoy

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Bill McCoy

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2: 1-7

NARRATOR: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Congregation (seated)

*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.*

*For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

NARRATOR: While they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first born Son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

NARRATOR: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

ANGEL: “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a Child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

NARRATOR: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

ANGELS: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth, peace among those whom he favors.”

NARRATOR: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this Child and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Congregation (seated)

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

NARRATOR: In the time of Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the Child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregation (seated)

*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.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

SOLO

The Friendly Beasts
Debbie Eads

Robert Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

PASSING THE LIGHT TO THE CONGREGATION

HYMN

Silent Night

Congregation (seated)

*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! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*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

Bill McCoy

*HYMN

Joy to the World

Congregation (standing)

*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.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*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.*

*Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We welcome all who worship with us on this Christmas Eve.
If you would like to express your commitment to Jesus Christ through membership in our Church,
we invite you to meet with a pastor following the service.

Please place your candle in one of the receptacles at the exits as you leave.

Merry Christmas!

Please join us for our **Candlelight** Worship Service tonight:

Saturday, December 24

11:00 p.m.

Sermon: "THE SCANDAL OF SPECIFICITY: Social Scandal" by Bill McCoy

The Nativity of the Lord Tableau 2011

Cast

Mary – Maddie Swint

Joseph – Will Snider

Baby Jesus – Bailey Smith

Angel Gabriel – Addie Riley

Angel of the Lord – Caroline Slicer

Angel Carrying Star – Julia Battle

Innkeeper – Drew Ballard

King Herod – Claire Bunn

The Friendly Beasts

Cow - Camryn Hughes

Dove - Madeline Hunt

Sheep - Maddie Grace Smith

Donkey - Arianna Swint

Shepherds

Liam McGinley, leader
Thomas Bloch

Devlin Daugherty
Townes Hunt
Colin McGinley

Jackson Noland
Ford Sutton

Sheep

Lauren Ballard
Claire Cox
Aidan Daugherty

Patrick Griffith
Ben Isaac
Aidan Rogers

Sophie Slack
Marshall Snider
Hope Vincent

Magi

William Peterman, Leader
Carly Chafin
Michael Griffith

Dylan Hughes
Will Isaac
Sam Keller

James Odin
Jack Stewart
Kate Sutton

Angels

Grace Goes
Hannah Goes
Madison Griffith

Jocelyn Harold
Taylor Hightower
Ruth Odin
Lili Peterman

Zoë Peterman
Shannon Rogers
Katie St. Jean

Narrators

Carah Chafin, Kiera Daugherty, Morgan Johnson

LOGOS Cherubs

Debbie Eads, director

Mary Odin, accompanist

Sophia Alexander
Derek Bell
Aidan Daugherty
Devlin Daugherty

Dylan Hughes
Ben Isaac
Will Isaac
Sam Keller

Ian Klingler
Teagan Klingler
Jackson Noland
James Odin

Lili Peterman
Maddie Grace Smith
Marshall Snider
Jack Stewart

Director

Sallie Daugherty

Costumes:

Janet Chambers, Robin Harlow, Dawn and Les Hawkins, Pam Kuyk, Virginia Slicer

Producers:

Cast Parents, Byron Goodew, Lindsey Kuyk, Child/Family Committee,
Wayne Odin, Barbara Hopta-Director of Child and Family Ministry

Ushers and Candle Lighters:

Doug, Anna, and Charles Chambers; Amanda and Adrienne Hughes; Bill, Jennifer, and Sarah Snider

Greeters: Aaron, Patti, and Bowman Alexander