

SONG OF CELEBRATION: "The Very First Christmas" Sonja Poorman

A million stars were in place that night around the one that was shining bright.
The Earth was glowing with heavenly love, in peaceful glory God's will was done.
The Father sent His Son. The very first Christmas had come.

It wasn't the first time God's love touched the earth.
Nor was it the first time a mother gave birth.
And there have been times when shepherds drew nigh,
To search for a little lamb under the sky.

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. He has come!

*Music Makers and Spirit & Song Choirs
Terri Theil, director*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:22-23. Bryson Keasling

ADVENT DEVOTION: "Preparing for a Special Guest" Andrew Keasling

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND DISMISSAL

Decorating Opportunities:

- Children and families will enjoy music while working on crafts and decorating cookies (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Decorate the Christmas tree with the 3Ms (*Reception Area – B Building*)
- Decorate the tree and railing (*C Building – Downstairs*)
- Decorate the Chapel with the Chapel Class
- Decorate the International Ministry tree (*West Entrance – Outside C310*)
- Decorate the lobby areas around the Sanctuary (*Connector by Welcome Center*)
- Help hang outdoor wreaths (*Main Sanctuary Entrance – Poplar Avenue side*)
- Reassemble outside the Russell (PDS) Building for the live nativity*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

THE NATIVITY: "Silent Night" STILLE NACHT

BENEDICTION

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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Instrumentalists: Mary Lawrence Flinn, piano; Samuel Metzger, organ; David Pollorena, guitar



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Hangings of the Green

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015
6:00 p.m.



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.
May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

HANGING OF THE GREEN

ORGAN PRELUDE

SOLO: "The Snow Lay on the Ground" Traditional, arr. William Cutter

The snow lay on the ground, the star shone bright
When Christ, our Lord, was born on Christmas night.

Venite adoremus Dominum. (Come let us adore the Lord.)

'Twas Mary, virgin pure, of Bethlehem,
That brought into this world the God-made man.

Carter Coleman, soloist

WELCOME Gabe Statom

SONG OF PREPARATION: "Jubilate" Robert Prizeman

Alleluia, alleluia! Angels holy, high and lowly, tell the story of your glory.
Jubilate Deo! (Sing joyfully to God!) Alleluia, alleluia!
Heaven saw Thee, stars adore Thee, tell the story of your glory.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! (Glory to God in the highest.)
Et in terra pax omnibus! (And peace to all men.)

Youth Choir
Hope Howard, soloist
Ginger Statom, director

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Margaret, Jennie, and Sarah Statom

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Burns

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Please remain seated for the first four verses. Stand for verse five only.

**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.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✦ **O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Parker Stout

SONG OF JOY: "Sing Noel!" Natalie Sleeth

Shepherds, shepherds hear the story,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Rise and go to see His Glory.
Leave your flock to welcome Him!

*Sing noel, oh, sing noel,
Oh, sing noel for Christ is born!*

Wise men, wise men treasure bringing
To the manger bed afar.
Joyful praises ever singing,
Follow now the guiding star.

Jr. Cherub Choir
Terri Theil, director

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-21. Kaitlyn Yates

SONG OF WONDER: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" Laura Farnell

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 laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Sr. Cherub and First Grade Choirs
Mimi Vestal, director

✦ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 216 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-14 Sarah Henry Havard