

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Pageant
December 18, 2022
10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church
Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love.
He brings love to ev'ry heart.
He comes. He comes.*

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Light One Candle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Hilsinger Family

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, your eternal word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom. Hear our prayer as we confess our sin before you, knowing that you sent your Son to seek and save the lost.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #82

*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.*

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs 1)

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

We Are His Gold

Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

O Come, Let Us Adore Him:

Children's Christmas Worship Presentation

Processional: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Scene 1

Hymn# 29 *Go Tell it on the Mountain verses 1 and 2*

Scene 2

Hymn# 25 *Away in the Manger* verse 1 (children only)

Scene 3

Hymn #56 *The First Nowell* verses 1 and 2

Scene 4

Hymn #66 *We Three Kings* verses 1 and 2

Scene 5

Closing and Prayer

Hymn #40 *Joy to the World* all verses (Please stand)

Being Sent Into the World

BLESSING AND CHARGE

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

P: **so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice! The Lord is near!

P: **Hallelujah! Praise the name of the Lord!**

POSTLUDE

Children's Christmas Worship Presentation Cast

Child	Part	Child	Part
Lucy Britt	Mary	Eleanor Roberts	Angel
Huck Tankersly	Joseph	Parker Brown	Shepherd
Barrett Hilsinger	Reader, King	Hunt Bills	Shepherd
Nate Medford	Reader, King	Anna Claire Perkins	Angel
Clara Grace Rush	Narrator	Rex Wood	Animal — Donkey
Mary Rush Bills	Angel — Good News	Henry Gallimore	Shepherd
Claire Reedy	Angel — STAR		
Greer Cox	Angel		
Jack Davidson	Shepherd	Mack Medford	Animal — Cow
Davis Hilsinger	Reader, Shepherd	Georgia Cox	Angel
Liam Medford	Shepherd	Luke Davidson	Animal — Camel
Bennett Perkins	Reader, King	Nora Tankersly	Angel
Lizzie Rush	Angel	Rush Brown	Animal — Sheep
		Will Gallimore	Animal — Sheep

Preschool

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) will stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 200. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

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In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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