

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List: Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Paul Langford (Dot Langford's brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin's uncle), Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, the family of Kaki Peaslee, Ronan Purcella (great nephew of Danette Heinlein), Mary Lee Reese, Doug Ross, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)

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- ◆ We welcome **Lori Turner** as our guest music leader/pianist today.
- ◆ There is a new calendar for **Fellowship** Sign up for the new year on the table downstairs!
- ◆ **Poinsettia Sign-up** is here. Cost for each is \$15. Place your order by **December 15**. Make check payable to Fincastle Presbyterian church and put "poinsettia" in memo line. Place your separate check in offering and complete the sign up sheet on the table in the hallway. If you've already signed up, please make sure you remember to pay!
- ◆ Yes! We will be doing a **Christmas Joy** special offering this year This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families and helps develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Check out the insert in today's bulletin for more information.
- ◆ Thank you to all of our members who generously supported our annual **Christmas Angel Tree** project. We raised \$1050 for gift certificates for Social Services to distribute those in need this year.

**Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under One License #A- 73950 The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #190 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise; #136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"; #77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"; Service Music: "Let there Be Peace on Earth" S.Miller/J.Jackson; "I Wonder as I Wander", Arr. Amy Potter; "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Spiritual**





## Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*S. Miller/J. Jackson*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Calendar

The Bolton Family

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 40:9&11)

**One:** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

**Many:** **Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; "**

**One:** Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ...He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

**Many:** **He will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #136

*"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry"*

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Call to Confession: (unison)

All: Let us open our hearts to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God our Father

We have done wrong, and do not deserve to be called your children. We have turned from your way, and been taken in by our own desires. We have not loved neighbors as you commanded. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, and forgive us; for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who was born on Christmas Day.

Silent Confession: **Amen.**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon:

One: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

Many: **He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good.**

All: **Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Amen.

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

*"O Holy Night"*

*Solo by Evie Huwe*

*J. Dwight/A.Adam/arr. J. Schnader*

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen** #808

Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: p. 545 (Pew Bible)

Psalm 146:5-10

Hymn: #77

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

New Testament Reading: p. 844 (Pew Bible)

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon:

"A Struggle of Faith"

Moment for Meditation:

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Appalachian Tune, Arr. Amy Potter

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostle's Creed

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Hymn: #552

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

**All:**

*Let There Be Peace (last verse)*

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.

With every step, I take, Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

Postlude:

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

Spiritual

## Calendar of Events:

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F 8:00-200

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Worship Service— 10:30 am  
Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe and Lynne Bolton  
Fellowship: Phillippe's  
Saturday, December 24 Happy Birthday Jim Helms!!  
Christmas Eve Service—7:00 PM  
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Christmas Joy Gift Offering  
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## Psalm 146:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;  
<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners,  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless;  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign for ever,  
thy God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD

## Matthew 11:2-11

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is he who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written,

'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,  
who shall prepare thy way before thee.'

<sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

### **#136 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God within, and so prepare to be the home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, and make the fallen sinner stand; shine out, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

### **#75 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again: gladly forever adore him.t.

### **#552 My Faith Looks Up To Thee**

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream,  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

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