

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 new Music Director /Pianist.
- ◆ There is a new calendar for **Fellowship for 2023!** Sign up for the new year on the table downstairs!
- ◆ Yes! We will be doing a **Christmas Joy Gift** special offering this year during the Christmas Eve service. 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.
- ◆ **A Ukrainian family** who escaped the ravaged town of Bucha is being sponsored to come and live in Fincastle. Support has been requested to make them feel welcome. The Session is asking that anyone wishing to help and welcome this family to our community, might consider purchasing a Visa gift card and bring it to Church! If you have any ?'s, please reach out to a Session Member.
- ◆ We would like to congratulate **Lori Turner on becoming a first time Grandmother!** Baby Turner was born on 12/15 and the rose on the alter is in honor of his arrival

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**Thought for the Day: We are all innkeepers. It's up to us to decide if there's room for Jesus.**

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# Service for the Lord's Day

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

*J.F. Wade/Arr. Preston Keys*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit—

*Lynne Bolton—Solo*

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

*Bob McGee*

Lighting of the 4th Advent Calendar

Call to Worship: (Philippians 4:4-7)

**One:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

**Many:** **Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

**All:** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #162

*"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"*

Call to Confession:

**One:** If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

**Many:** **If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

**All:** **Let us admit our sin before God.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God of the future,**

**You are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgement. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve You. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant, Jesus, our Savior, who came on that first Christmas Day, and whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for.**

Silent Confession: **Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon:

**One:** Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**Many:** **If a person is in Christ, that person becomes new altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.**

**All:** **Friends, 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

*"Angels We have Heard on High"*

*Traditional / Arr. Dan Coates*

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

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: p. 591-592 (Pew Bible) Isaiah 7:10-16

Hymn: #155 *"O Little Tow of Bethlehem"*

New Testament Reading: p. 835 (Pew Bible) Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "Jesus, The Emmanuel: the "God is with us" Man!"

Moment for Meditation: *"What Child is This?"*

William Dix/ Arr. Preston Keys

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #170

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

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:

*"Canon in D"*

J. Pachelbel

## Calendar of Events:

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## Isaiah 7:10-16

- <sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
- <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."
- <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."
- <sup>13</sup> And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?"
- <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.
- <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.
- <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; <sup>19</sup> and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup> she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'u-el"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

## #162 The First Noel, The Angel Did Say

1 The first Noel, the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their  
sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so  
deep.

Refrain:  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
[Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far,  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
[Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
[Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
[Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who hath made heaven and earth of  
naught,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.  
[Refrain]

## #155 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 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.

2 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 men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently  
the wondrous Gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven!  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 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.

## #170 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they  
come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

3 For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when, with the ever-circling years,  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

### *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.  
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