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Mission Statement

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.

Service for the Lord's Day

Lessons and Carols

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022—10:30 am

(In person & Live Streaming)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - Jim and Sue Porter

Call to Worship: One: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Many: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Prayer of Invocation

Lessons and Carols

(all scripture will be read in the King James Translation)

The hymns will not be announced before singing.

Handbells: O Come All Ye Faithful

1st Lesson Isaiah 9: 2 , 6

A Great Light in the Darkness

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

***Congregational Carol : #171**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Verses 1 and 3

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6

A Little Child Will Lead Them

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

* **Congregational Carol: #133**

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Verses 1, 2 and 4***

3rd Lesson: Luke 1:26–31

An Angel Appears to Mary

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

***Congregational Hymn: #135**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

4th Lesson: Matthew 1:18–23

An Angel Appears to Joseph

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us.

Congregational Carol : #155

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Verses 1 and 4***



5th Lesson: Luke 2:1–7

Mary Gives Birth in Bethlehem

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Solo: Lynne Bolton

“Oh Holy Night”

6th Lesson: Luke 2:8–16

Angels Announce the Messiah and the Shepherds Go To See the Child

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Congregation Litany Carol Go Tell It On The Mountain

(Congregation sings REFRAIN) Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

(SPOKEN) While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(Congregation sings REFRAIN) Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

(SPOKEN) The shepherds feared and trembled when lo!
above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

(Congregation sings REFRAIN) Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

(SPOKEN) Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

(Congregation sings REFRAIN) Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

7th Lesson: Matthew 2:1-3, 7-11

Magi Come From the East

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child: and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



***Congregational Carol: #162**

"The First Noel"

Verses 1,3,5 and 6

8th Lesson: John 1-5, 14 And The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Handbell Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night

Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas,
let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture,
how the prophets of Israel foretold
that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.

Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns,
that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
will bring all peoples and all things
into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk,
the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear,
the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves,
for those who have not heard the good news of God,
or who do not believe it;

for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death;
and for the Church in this place and everywhere,
that it may be freed from all evil and fear,

and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.
These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, *AMEN*

Communion Service and Lord's Prayer

Invitation

Responsive Reading: One: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Many: And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

One: Remember the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: We remember and are thankful.

One: Lift up our hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup.

Prayer after Communion

Offering
Offertory Anthem - The Handbell Choir
Prayer

“What Child Is This”

*Closing Congregational Hymn: #146

“Joy to the World”

Benediction and Blessing of Lunch:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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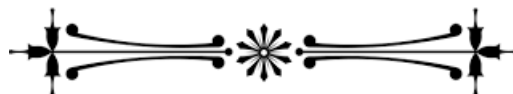
Announcements and Calendar

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, Kaki Peaslee, Ronan Purcella (great nephew of Danette Heinlein), Mary Lee Reese, Doug Ross, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)



- ◆ Don’t forget the **Bible Study** *“The Case for Christmas”* by Lee Strobel, led by Lyn Burton. This Monday at 10:00 am is the last Monday of the study!
- ◆ We welcome **Mary Sowder** as our guest musician today.
- ◆ No one is currently signed up for **Fellowship** for Sunday, December 18 or Sunday December 25? Do you feel called to help? Sign up on the calendar 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.
- ◆ Yes! We will be doing a **Christmas Joy Gift** special offering this year. This offering provides assistance to current and re-tired church workers and their families and helps develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. This offering will be at the Christmas Eve Service.
- ◆ Check out the bulletin board! There is a **new Duty Elder Sign-up** for the 2023!



Calendar of Events:

Week of 12/4	Office hours for week: M 9:00—2:00, Th 9— 12:00 noon, F 8:00 to 2:00
Monday, December 5	Bible Study led by Lyn Burton: A study of “A Case for Christmas” 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Happy Birthday Hannah Brenner!
Thursday, December 8	Session Meeting -7:00 pm
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School—9:30 am Worship Service— 10:30 am Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe and Lynne Bolton Fellowship: Julia Richardson
Thursday, December 15	Poinsettia Sign-ups and checks need to be in!
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday School—9:30 am Worship Service— 10:30 am Duty Elders: Fred Coots and Cathy Goad Fellowship: _____
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service—7:00 PM Duty Elder: Lynne Bolton Christmas Joy Gift
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service—10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad and _____

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*Class of 2023:* Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

*Class of 2024:* Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

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*Anyone who has something to contribute*

**CHRISTMAS**  
**BLESSINGS**