

Charge

Sung Response: (#152)

Refrain: (2x)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

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Blessing

Postlude:

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"*

Trad. French Melody



### **Prayer Concerns**

**Members:** Peggy Davis, Nathalie Givens, Hi Nicely, Meg and Bob Omer, Julia Richardson, the family of Jim Tenser.

**Friends and family of FPC:** Grayson Alfano (Friend of Sandy Gates), Bill Ferrell (friend of Kip & Lyn Burton), Jake Ladenheim (Mary Beth Huwe's father), Lily and Alexis Porter, Mary Rae (organist at FUMC), Loretta Youngman (Kip Burton's cousin).

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**The Worshiping Church Hymnal:** 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL —  
**Service Music:** # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

**Hymns:** #157 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice", #149 "Away in a Manger", #185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, #151 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain", #152 *Angels We Have Heard on High*"

**Service Music:** "Wise Men, They Come to Look" - G. Neumark, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (186); "We Three Kings of Orient Are" - J.H. Hopkins Jr., 1857 alt., "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (185); "Mary's Little Boy-Child" - J. Hairston, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (178); "Boy Child of Mary Medley" - African Malawi Tune, H. Hopson, © 1983 Agape International, Carol Streams, Illinois; "He Is born, the Divine Christ Child" - Trad. French Carol, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (177);

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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

December 28, 2025: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin  
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

## 1st Sunday of Christmas

Prelude: "Wise Men, They Came to Look" & "We Three Kings"  
G. Neumark / J. H. Hopkins, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive; Isaiah 9:6)

One: Let us worship God.

**Many: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;**

One: and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called

**All "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn: #157 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"



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 confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Great God our Father,

You have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with the Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your word to nations, and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.

Silent Confession:

**Amen**

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

\* Please stand if you are able

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## Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the Good News! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted:

Many: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

All: 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.

\* 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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.



Offering:

Offertory Anthem

"Mary's Little Boy-Child"  
J. Hairston

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

\* Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 642)

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hymn: #149 (vs. 1 & 2)  
#185 (vs. 1)

"Away In a Manger"  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 836)

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

"The Gift Is Revealed;  
The Gift Is Threatened."

Moment for Meditation

"Boy Child of Mary Medley"  
African Malawi Tune/Arr. H. Hopson

\* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #151

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain "



\* Please stand if you are able

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# Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of December 28  
 Monday, 10:00—4:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am-4:00 pm.  
 Friday 10:00-4:00 pm

- Sunday, Dec. 28** **First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Duty Elders: Lynne Bolton  
 Fellowship: **Ginnie Phillippe**
- Thursday, Jan. 1** New Year's Day
- Sunday, Jan. 4** **2nd Sunday of Christmas**  
**Two Cents a Meal offering &**  
**Botetourt Food Pantry offering**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room**  
**Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_**
- Thur., Jan 8** Forward In Faith, 2:00 pm, Logan Room
- Sunday, Jan. 11** **Baptism of the Lord**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room**  
**Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Fellowship: Kincaids**
- Wed., Jan. 13** Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall,  
**Sat., Jan 17** Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant

January 2026						
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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Sunday, January 4, we will collect our Two Cents a Meal offering and received food items for the **Botetourt County Food Bank**. All types of food items are needed at this time (shelf stable milk is a particularly useful item that is often overlooked). Thank you for your generosity both through giving food & money but also volunteering to help at the Food Bank.
- ◆ As we come to the close of 2025, we would like to take a moment and thank **Lynne Bolton, Fred Coots, and Jim Porter** for their years of service as duty elders. Blessings to each of them.
- ◆ **Look at the calendar** downstairs by the kitchen and sign up for after Sunday Service fellowship! We have lots of available Sundays.
- ◆ Our **Wholeness and Healing Service** moves back to the 4th Sunday of the month. Mark you calendars for the next one on January 28.
- ◆ There is a new Duty Elder sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the side hallway for first half of 2026.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

**Class of 2025:** Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

**Class of 2026:** Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

**Class of 2027:** Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

### The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

### The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

The new **Class of 2028 will be:**

David Kincaid, Jennifer Kincaid and

Paul Phillippe

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,  
the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
which he has granted them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, Surely they are my people,  
sons who will not deal falsely;  
and he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of  
old.

## New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the

Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled,  
because they were no more.”

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, <sup>20</sup> “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archela’us reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

## Hymns:

### **#157 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss;  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save;  
calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

### **#149 “Away In a Manger”**

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

### **#185 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

1 We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

### **#151 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

Refrain:  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]