



CHRISTMAS EVE

Second Presbyterian Church · December 24, 2020 · 4:00 p.m.

Organ Prelude: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Wilbur Held

Welcome. George Robertson

Lighting of the Christ Candle. . . . Kathy, William, John, Christian, and Alan Hammond

Call to Worship

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him born the King of angels!

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Invocation

Prophetic Lesson Micah 5:1-5a

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us;

with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

**from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.**

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

**And they shall dwell secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.
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.

A Word to the Children Jarrod Hoffman

Children's Christmas Video

Prayers for the Church and the World

Away in a Manger

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.
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 cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Sermon: He Came to Save Artez Henderson

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. - *1 Timothy 1:15-16*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Benediction

Organ Postlude: I Saw Three Ships Noel Rawsthorne

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Songs led by Kathy, William, John, Christian, and Alan Hammond

