



First Presbyterian Church
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9:00 p.m. Worship

December 24, 2017

PRELUDE

“O Holy Night”
Arr: John Purifoy

INTROIT

“Gesù Bambino”
Arr: Ruby Shaw Hollis
The Joyful Ringers

***CALL to WORSHIP**

One: The Word was made flesh,
Many: Alleluia, Alleluia!

One: and dwelt among us,
Many: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*One: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the
Father, Light eternal*
Many: Glory to you, O Lord

*One: Jesus, king of glory, Son of righteousness, born of
the Virgin Mary*
Many: Glory to you, O Lord!

*One: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God,
everlasting Lord*
Many: Glory to you, O Lord!

One: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness

Many: Glory to you, O Lord!

One: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful

Many: Glory to you, O Lord!

One: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints

Many: Glory to you, O Lord!

***HYMN #49**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

(Please offer a sign to one another of Christ's peace.)

ANTHEM

“Carol of the Bells”

Choral Arrangement: Peter Wilhousky

Bell Arrangement: Camila Ospina Fadul

The Joyful Ringers and Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be

afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

MESSAGE

The Transforming Story of God

SOLO

The Season of the Child

OFFERTORY

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Arr: Andrew Risinger

***DOXOLOGY #592**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thanks

Help

Wow

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: Out of nothing more than the abundant love of God and the Lord's creative desire....

People: Came all life and every day.

ALL: And for that we give thanks.

Leader: When the peoples scattered, and faith was lost

People: God called forth a nation to bless the world.

ALL: And for that we give thanks.

Leader: When leaders were needed and a holy word had to be spoken...

People: God called forth the prophets to invite the people back into God's will.

ALL: And for that we give thanks.

Leader: In the fullness of time when a final gift was to become...

People: God came to us all in the person of Jesus.

Leader: Born an infant who grew in this world to be revealed as our teacher, our healer, our Savior, and, our Christ.

People: Jesus is His name. Jesus is the host of this meal, calling us all to be filled with grace and new life.

ALL: And, so we come in faith, expectation, and joy to share in this holy feast.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION HYMN #36

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

CELEBRATION HYMN #40

“Joy to the World”

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #60

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

POSTLUDE

“Silent Night, Holy Night”
Busch Memorial Chimes

**Please stand if you are able.*

A recording of today's sermon will be available at
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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship and we would love to share a treat and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the yellow Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Worship bags for children are available in the back of the sanctuary. After the service, please take the papers home but leave the crayons. Baby and toddler care (up to 3 years) is offered in our nursery during the worship service. This is in no way expected or required, but is available if you wish. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Time for Small Disciples. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A *limited* number of detailed, large-print bulletins are available from the ushers. For those who need assistance hearing the service, we broadcast internally on 89.3 FM. Preset receivers and headsets are available from the ushers.

CHURCH STAFF

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