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Christmas Eve Service



~ We Gather ~

Prelude (2:30 pm)

Mary, Did You Know?
LisaKay Matchen, solo

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Charles and Shannon Needham, duet

Mary's Boy Child
Eva Quinley Lynch, solo

Little Drummer Boy
Mindy and Peyton Houlihan, duet

Silent Night
Laura Hash, Kaitlyn Mee, Sandra Bohlken, trio

O Holy Night
Kaitlyn Mee, solo

Welcome to Our World
Music Ensemble

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent series "Glowing with Advent" by Gail Gaymer Martin – published by Christian Publishers

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 9:2, John 1:5

One: The people who walk in darkness will see a great light;

All: **Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.**

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: **And the darkness has not overcome it!**

Message: LisaKay Matchen

Response (including Romans 15:13)

One: The Christ candle prepares us for Christ's coming.

All: **Our hearts glow with the light of Advent.**

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: **We wait with hope, and peace, and joy, and love.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

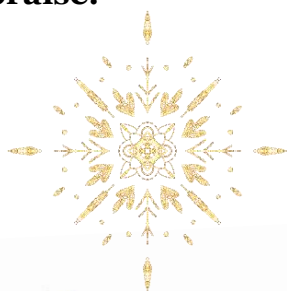
*Call to Worship

In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.
He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child.
The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child,
wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

**And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth, peace to all whom God favors."**

Let us worship our with-us God.

Let us sing songs of praise!



***Opening Songs**

The Day That Christmas Came

Verse 1

God incarnate
Jesus Christ
You brought color into the world
Turned darkness into light
Prince of peace
Emmanuel
You brought color into the world
God and man to dwell

Chorus

Oh let the angels sing
Oh and let the sleigh bells ring
All because Heaven has come
Heaven has come to Earth
Oh let His people praise
For the day that Christmas came
All because Jesus has come
Jesus has come to us
(The day that Christmas came)

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Verse 2

Son of God
Of whom the scriptures tell
You brought color into the world
Ransomed Israel
Humble King
Mary's perfect son
You brought color into the world
Bright and Holy One

Tag

The day that Christmas came
The day that Christmas came
The day that Christmas came
The day that Christmas came

Verse 3

Our Messiah
Deliverer
You brought color into the world
And Joy unto the earth

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

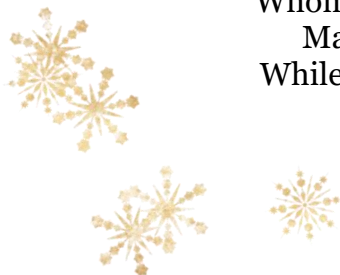
***Prayer of Adoration**

***The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Time with the Children

Mason Warren



We always long for you, O Lord, but on this night, on this holy Christmas Eve, we long for you to feel as close as possible. So, as we prepare to hear this ancient story once again, we ask that you would awaken something new in us.

Awaken in us a fire for your Word. Awaken in us proof of your proximity. Awaken in us your love, which is bigger than the sky, and as close as our very breath. We are listening. We give thanks. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You O Christ.



Sermon

“Words for the Beginning: Love Knows Your Name

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Musical Reflection

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)
Music Ensemble

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~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Hymn #25 – *Away in a Manger*
Hymn #53 – *What Child is This*

The Prayer after Communion



~We Go Out Into the World~

*Lighting of Candles

*Hymn #60

Silent Night, Holy Night
(verses 1-3)

Stille Nacht

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*Closing Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

John W. Work Jr.
Jonathan Smith
Zach Williams

VERSE 1

While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o - ver
si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through out the heav - ens there

CHORUS

shone a ho-ly light. Oh, I say go, tell it on the moun-tain,
o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where. Go, tell it on the moun - tain that
Je - sus Christ is born.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
On that blessed Christmas morn

Verse 4

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

Verse 5

He made me a watchman
Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all

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*Charge and Benediction

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Mike & Adrienne Roberson in memory of Jane B. Roberson
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Elaine Jackson in thanks for the healing of her family

Jim & Jessy Rich in honor of their children and grandchildren
Jim & Jessy Rich in memory of their parents

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David & Emily Sweetland in honor of their children, Dawson and Ella
David & Emily Sweetland in honor and memory of their grandparents

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Beth & Jerry Martin in memory of Libby & Maurice Martin

Linda Ewald in memory of her mom, Ruth Ewald

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Sandi & Greg Keagy in memory of Doris & Elam Snively

The Gargan family in memory of family no longer with us

Robert & Terry Olberding in memory of Barbara, Albert Sr., Albert Jr., John & Cindy Olberding
Robert & Terry Olberding in memory of Clores & Jim Brown
Robert & Terry Olberding in memory of Sherry Hardgrave
Robert & Terry Olberding in honor of Aiden Olberding

Frank Guess in memory of Margo Guess
Frank Guess in memory of Margo's parents (Bower) & Frank's parents (Guess)

Jeff & Kelly Thode in memory of Robert & Faye Thode
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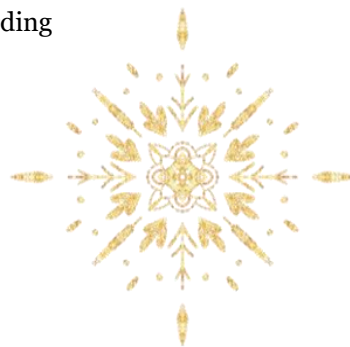
Andy & Merle Andrew in honor of their children, Tracey, Brian & Jenny and their six grandchildren

Dixie & Van Heflin in memory of their parents
Dixie & Van Heflin in memory of their son, Ted Vincent

Carolyn & John Neighbors in memory of Maggie & John Neighbors
Carolyn & John Neighbors in memory of Mary & Harry English
Carolyn & John Neighbors in memory of Peggy Hiatt

Debra, Diana & Kathi Damelio in memory of Leona & Clifford Judd, Sr.
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Debra, Diana & Kathi Damelio in memory of L. Doug Damelio
Debra, Diana & Kathi Damelio in memory of Denise Damelio

Howard & Pat Hickman in memory of their parents



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Beth White in memory of George White

Fred & Jean Peretz in honor of Annie Peretz
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Fred, Jean & Annie Peretz in memory of Ray & Ruth Peretz
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Catherine & David Manning in honor of their children, Deacon Manning
and Meredith & Tucker Fritz
Catherine & David Manning in honor of David's sister, Kathy Manning
Catherine & David Manning in honor of our FPC family
Catherine & David Manning to the glory of God!

Cheryl Cardwell in memory of Edith Hutchinson Jackson
Cheryl Cardwell in memory of David Hutchinson

Jerry & Jan Seiler in memory of Frank & Thelma Seiler and Harry & Martha Moody

Brian Davison & Darren Schmitz in memory of Elders John & MaryLou Davison
Brian Davison & Darren Schmitz in memory of Fred & Thea Schmitz
Brian Davison & Darren Schmitz in memory of David Davison

Connie & John Begovich in memory of Alice & Charles Norris
Connie & John Begovich in honor of Manuel Begovich and in memory of Dorothy Begovich
Connie & John Begovich in honor of their children & grandchildren

MaryAnne & Wayne Walls in honor of their children & grandchildren
MaryAnne & Wayne Walls in memory of their parents

Mike & Janet Murphy in honor of their children, Emily, Matt, Charlotte & Pete

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Ruth & Philip Jacobs in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs

Karen & Paul Johnson in honor of their children and grandchildren

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Dan & Shirley Greaser in memory of Naomi Greaser & Corey Hayslip
Dan & Shirley Greaser in memory of Mark & Raven Sterling

Nancy Moritz & Linda Seiler in honor of Jan & Jerry Seiler

Nathan & Byrd Mathis in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Mathis
Nathan & Byrd Mathis in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Campbell, Jr.
Nathan & Byrd Mathis in honor of Lee & Wylie Mathis
Nathan & Byrd Mathis in honor of Joshua & Anna Mathis

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Larry & Jane Byars in memory of Jack & Helen Byars
Larry & Jane Byars in memory of Mike Whitt
Larry & Jane Byars in memory of Angela Byars

Liz Preston & family in memory of John Preston

The Zilles family in honor of parents, Dan & Shirley Greaser
The Zilles family in memory of parents, Helen & Paul Zilles and son, Corey
The Zilles family in honor of their children and grandchildren

Mark & Beth Allen in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Allen
Mark & Beth Allen in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Leffew
Mark & Beth Allen in honor of Patrick, Christine, Billy & Charlie Allen
Mark & Beth Allen in honor of Sarah, Matt, Wells & Walker Kennedy



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Bev & Ronny Lomax in memory of Connie & Raymell Lomax

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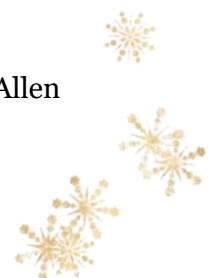
Members of Today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion
Mindy Houlihan, LisaKay Matchen, Kaitlyn Mee,
Shannon Needham, Eva Quinley, Bruce Wilson ~ vocals

Ushers ~ Scott and Debby McKinney ~ *Communion Server* ~ Mark Allen

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Today we celebrate the leaders of our church – past, present and future. We will be collecting the **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**, where 50% of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. The remaining 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. *“In our living, in our giving we are there.”*



Merry Christmas!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th.
We will be back in the office on Friday, December 27th at 9am.

There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m. next Sunday, December 29th.

In continuation of the **Words for the Beginning** Advent Series...



LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME

The love of God is represented by a heart with three triangles that seem to fold inward, ready for embrace.


"Hey Love"

My grandmother was strong. That's what they tell me. She played piano and clipped coupons. She raised four kids. One was sick. One never would, never *could* grow up. But she loved them all. And when life fell apart in brand new ways, she bought books. She went back to school. She started over again. She was the kind of strong that reminds you of a live oak. The kind of woman, the kind of tree, you'd want to crawl up into and whisper, "Tell me how you did it. Tell me how you survived the storm."

She was fifty-one when a vessel in her brain burst, blood coloring outside the lines, blood stealing large swathes of her strength with every pulse. After that, she never did play piano, read, or clip coupons. After that, she never could find the words. Nouns became things to point out. Names became numbers. Conversation creaked and slowed, but one word stayed. The name of my baptism never crossed her lips, but when my grandmother saw me, she'd say—*Heeeeey Love.*

My grandmother and God have this in common.
Both know my name. Both call me Love.

By Reverend Sarah A. Speed

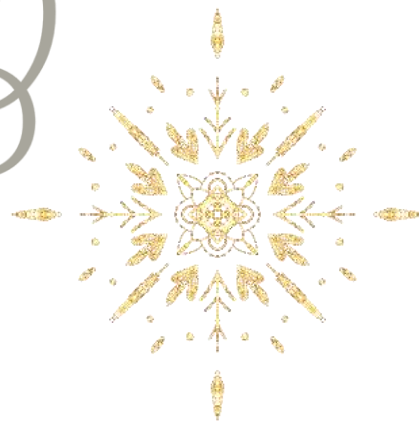
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"Abolition Baby" by Nicolette Peñaranda



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