

**Worship at First Presbyterian Church**  
**The THIRD week of Advent (JOY)**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 10 am**

*"But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings.  
And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture." (Malachi 4:2)*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

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**HYMN #23: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

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

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song? *[Refrain]*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *[Refrain]*

See him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise.  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise. *[Refrain]*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

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**HYMN #28: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

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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!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
 With heart, and soul and voice;  
 Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
 Jesus Christ was born for this!  
 He hath opened heaven's door,  
 And we are blest forevermore.  
 Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born for this!

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 the everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save!  
 Christ was born to save!

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**

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**God of all joys,  
 We come to you, only too aware of how frequently our joy is misplaced.**

**We rejoice in things that are transient as if they are ultimate.**

**We take joy in that which ought not to bring us joy:  
 The misfortune of those with whom we disagree;  
 Getting even;  
 The secret sins we allow to flourish in our lives.**

**We too often fail to rejoice in that which should provoke our praise:  
 your goodness, and grace, and mercy, and love;  
 our salvation in Christ and fellowship with you;  
 your faithfulness—to us, and your children.**

**Lord, forgive us for misdirected loyalties and misplaced joy.  
 Cleanse us and we will be clean;  
 wash us and we will be whiter than snow.  
 Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

**Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.  
 Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.  
 Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.  
 Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

*After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.*

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**HYMN #53: "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"**

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
 Where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
 The silent Word is pleading. *[Refrain]*  
 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
 Come one and all, to own Him.  
 The King of kings salvation brings;  
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *[Refrain]*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN  
 CHOIR CANTATA**

***SHARE THE GOOD NEWS! HE IS BORN***  
*by Alan Pote*

***Conducted by Patty Sundstrom***

***Pianist: Ann Kiliz***

***Narrator: Judy Ball***

***Choir Members***

*Karin Beard, Steve Cavin, Kerry Deitch, Cheryl Guth, Heather Johnson,  
 Laurie Kolb, Thirza Krohn, Judy Light, Bob Neisinger, Floyd Plemmons,  
 Jim Rhoads, Marilee Rhoads, Elinor Robinson*

***HODIE, EMMANUEL***

***SONG OF THE BIRTH***  
 Soloist: *Judy Light*

***SONG OF THE ANGELS***  
 Soloist: *Bob Neisinger*

**SONG OF THE SHEPHERDS****SONG OF THE WISEMEN**

*Steve Cavin, Kerry Deitsch, Floyd Plemmons, Jim Rhoads*

**OUR GIFTS WE BRING**

Soloist: *Cheryl Guth*

**SPREAD THE WORD****RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support  
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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**DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**HYMN #29: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

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*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. *[Refrain]*

**BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE**

## CALENDAR

- TODAY**   Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)  
 Sunday Worship with Choir Cantata (10:00 in the  
 Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Dec. 17**   Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)  
 Worship at Channel Point (10:30)  
 Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Dec. 18**   Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Sunday, Dec. 22**   Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- LOOKING AHEAD**   December 24: Christmas Eve Services (5:00 and 10:00  
 pm)  
 December 29: Sharing Table (before and after the  
 service)

Did you know that nearly a third of people in our country report experiencing periods of loneliness? And many people are *chronically* lonely. Loneliness can strike especially hard at Christmas. That means, of course, that Christmas is a wonderful time to introduce people to the friendship and community a church provides—and a God who seeks to be our friend. I’d like to invite you to think about who you know, who you run into, who lives near you who might be longing for a place where they can feel accepted, where they can experience a sense of “home.” And of course, after thinking about them, invite them to one—or more—of our Christmas services—and tell them they’ll find family here!

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