

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Katia Dinas

Arr. by Jenifer Cook

*But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Psalm 80:17-18*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Reneé Wensley, Reader

Jessica, Terry, Claire & Grace Stottlemeyer, Lighters

Readers: Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(Lighting of the first, second, third, and fourth candles)

Readers: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! Stir up your might, and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

◆ OPENING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

GTG 93

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reneé Wensley, Lay Liturgist

It is easy to get lost on our way to Bethlehem. The signs of holiday can lead us to turn away from the dreams and hopes God has for us. Let us come in confession and repentance to the One who approaches and wraps us in forgiveness and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come now, Reconciler of the nations, for our world, our lives, need your peace more than ever. Come, Caller to discipleship, for we long to let go of our self-interest and narcissism. Come, Word Gifter, for we hunger to hear your voice once again, ever always. Come, Servant of the poor, so we notice you in all those we push past in this hectic season. Come, Silence of our nights and Holiness of our hearts, and forgive us for turning your compassion into commercials, your joy into jingles, your hope into hollow words, your love into lust for the short-lasting offerings of the world. May we find our way to the One born simply, born gracefully, for us – Jesus, the Child of wonder and life, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We receive each and every moment God's hope, God's life, God's mercy, the true gifts that save.

We give thanks to our Gracious God, who has forgiven us and blessed us!

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

The Jesus Gift

Words & Music, Gilbert Martin

*Shall I gather em'rals, shall I bring Him gold? Shall I shower diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above? Give Him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter, offer Him warm laughter and love.*

*Shall we gather em'rals, shall we bring him gold? Shall we shower diamonds, white-hard? Bright-cold?
Shall we spangle jewels like stars above? Give Him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter, offer Him warm laughter and love.*

*Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts; kindness He'll use as He leads so, give
Him these gifts, hand Him your hearts. Honor His birth and you'll need no...
em'rals nor rubies, silver nor gold; neither bright diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold.
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above; You'll have laughter, sweet peace-filled laughter,
simple warm laughter and love. Noel, Noel. Hmmm.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 1:18-25

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Called to Belong"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed, 1.2

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Love Has Come

GTG 110

BRING A TORCH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Once in Royal David's City

Arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**O God who gives, we give our offerings and tithes, as well as our hearts
and lives to your mission, to those in true need around us. We commit ourselves to follow
Bethlehem's Babe, through whom we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

GTG 119

MEDELSSOHN

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain only)

VENI EMMANUEL

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

Online giving is now available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings, Building Repairs or the Garage Fund.

You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills,
Greg Kaut (George & Mozelle's son-in-law), David Duell

Homebound or Recovering: Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

LIVING IN HOPE

Pastor Ken is offering a new midweek video devotional series throughout Advent based on the Advent readings from Isaiah. Isaiah's messianic prophecies offer a lasting hope as we journey through these chaotic and uncertain days. This hope is based not in our ability to master our days and times, but in God who finds what is lost. This hope empowers us to wait for the God who is God in faithfulness. Each Wednesday during Advent a new episode will be posted on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Invite your friends and neighbors to check out this new series!



Christmas Joy Offering

At Christmas time, we have a wonderful opportunity to share our Christmas Joy with others. Envelopes and info on the usher's table. The **Christmas Joy Offering** affects the lives of many people outside the walls of our church home. The amounts collected (designated **Joy Offering** in memo section) during Advent and the Christmas season will be distributed equally to the following:

- ◆ PCUSA Board of Pensions for special needs of active and retired clergy
- ◆ Developing our Future Leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Presbyterian Church (USA)



Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, 12/24, 5 pm

Advent—a time of waiting and preparing for Christ. As Advent comes to a close, we want to share the joy of Christ' birth with the community, family and friends. Please extend a personal invitation to family and/or friends. Help fill the sanctuary and share the joy of the savior's birth by extending an invitation to family, friends, and those you meet. The service will be livestreamed through the church's Facebook page.



Poinsettias 2022

(Please notify church office if names or dedications are incorrect)



Given by

Dedication

Lorna Acker

- 1) In loving memory of Charlie Acker
- 2) In loving memory of Don Acker

Brenda Burkham

- 1) In memory of Lynn Echols
- 2) In memory of Jeff Wallace

Gail Crumpler

In remembrance of my cousin, Barbara

Frank Fehmel

- 1) Jennifer Fehmel
- 2) Kathie Jo Babisak Fehmel
- 3) Grandparents

Kathleen Ferguson (2)

All Glory to God

Jeanne Haben (2)

In memory of Paul Haben

Joe & Amy Hinkle

- 1) In memory of Bob Hinkle
- 2) In memory of Jenny and Jerry Rutland
- 3) In memory of David Rutland

Anne Kirchmeyer

- 1) In memory of parents, Jessamine & Henry Scheele IV
- 2) In memory of grandfather, Henry Scheele III

Courtland & Rich Lewis

- 1) In memory of our parents
- 2) In honor of our grandchildren

Sharon Meurer

- 1) In memory of John Marxer
- 2) In memory of David Youngstrum
- 3) In memory of Jack Walden

Kevin, Katie, & Nathan Miller

- 1) In memory of Doc & Nina Mecum
- 2) In memory of Carole Miller

David Pierce

- 1) In memory of John Marxer
- 2) In memory of Jane Louise McGee
- 3) In memory of Bob Hinkle

Richard & Diane Royer

In memory of Kenny Royer

Geraldine Shotswell

- 1) In remembrance of all my family members
- 2) Remembering my Faith United family

David & Patti Sloey

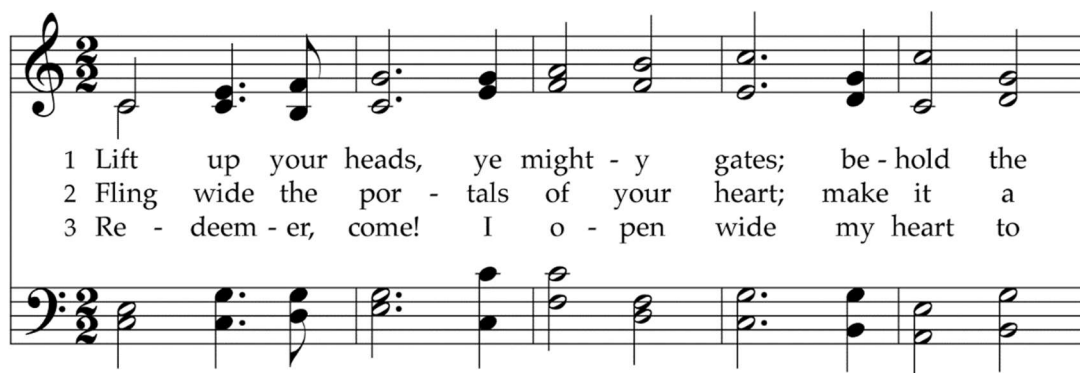
In loving memory of Harvey & Marian Garoutte

Nancy Smith

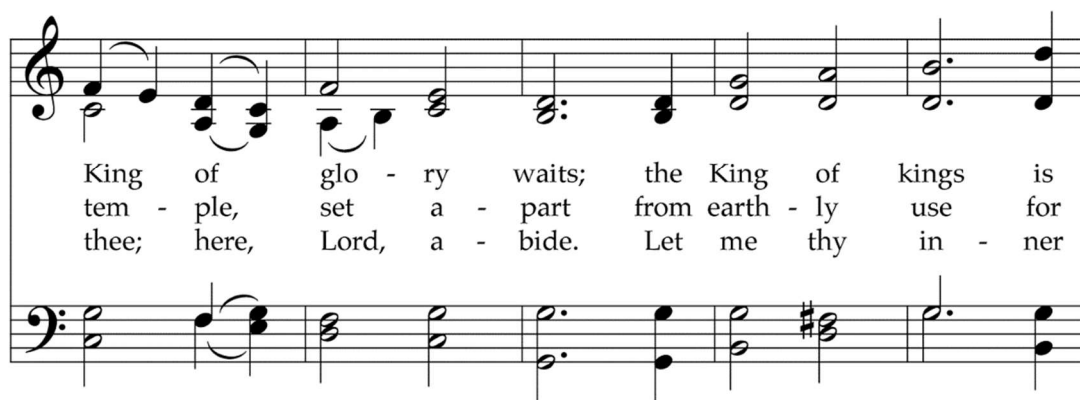
To the Glory of God

OPENING HYMN


Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner




draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

HYMN of MEDITATION

Love Has Come


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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C




1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F



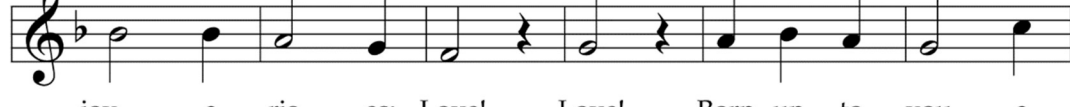
Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A) C (G) Bb (D) F




heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) Gm7 (F#7) A7 (G) Bb (A) C (Bm) Dm (A7) C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

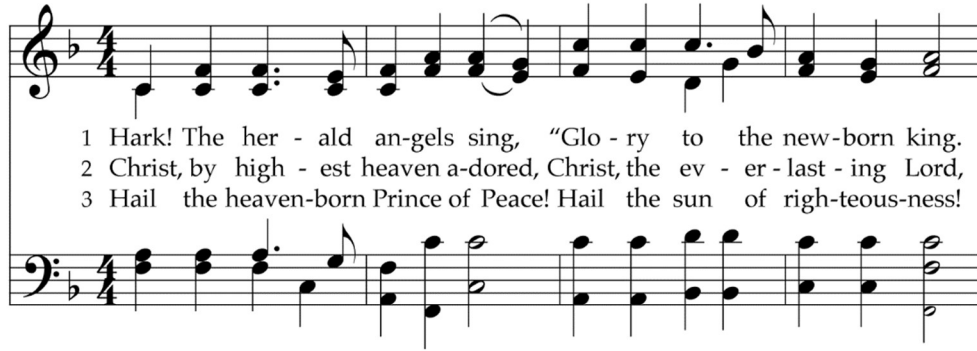
(D) F (A) C (G) Bb (A) C (D) F (A) C (A7) C7 (Dsus) Fsus (D) F




Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ-mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

HYMN of DEDICATION

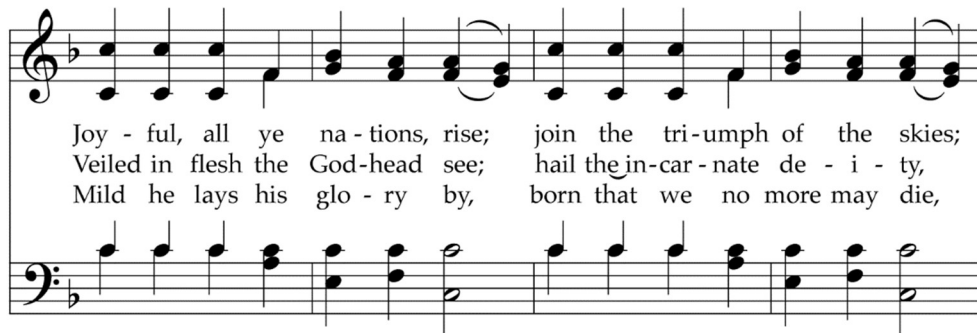
119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



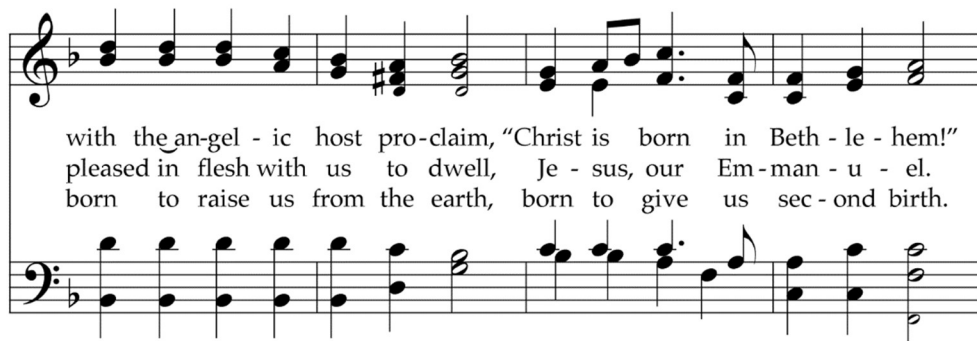
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Marissa Guerrero
Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

Houston Burns
Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session
Rich Lewis, Treasurer

Class of 2022

*Kathleen Ferguson, W&M
*Debbie Menefee, CL
*Katie Miller, CE
*Tracy Tiemann, B&G

Class of 2023

*Courtland Lewis, O&E
*Patti Sloey, Finance
Brenda Burkham, CL

Class of 2024

Kurt Booth, O&E
Frank Fehmel, Finance
Terrie Russell, CE
Nancy Smith, W&M



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