

**A big thank you to all of the children and youth who helped tell the story of Christmas!**



**Readers:** Ella Grace Clary, Huiet Ann Clary, Grace Metz, Carah Ellen Morrill, Hudson Richardson

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**Angel Gabriel:** Clay Crosson

**Prophet:** Madeline White

**Inn Keeper and Wife:** Bo Wilkes and Anna Louise Harbert

**Angels:** Meriwether Baker, Audrey Kate Bolt, Lilly Debrew, Olivia Grove, Harper Haynie, Henley Haynie, Caroline Hogan, Meghan Martin, Ashlee Isom, Baylis Ryan, Claire Ryan,

**Star:** Halle Cate Epps

**Shepherds:** Chat Bolt, Kenny Crosson, Bentley Melvin, Lanning Morgan, Preston Richardson, Walker Wright

**Wise Men:** Anders Epps, Hogan Haynie, Kristopher Moorhead

**King Herod:** Dylan Hanley

**Animals:** Calloway Brinson, Hines Debrew, Beckett Holland

*A special thank you to Debbie Carothers for costume design and to A.G. Caldwell, Ray Grove and Josh Harbert for setting up the stage and backdrop.*

**The Child is Born Again by Ann Weems**

Each year the Child is born again.  
 Each year some new heart  
 finally hears  
 finally sees  
 finally knows love.  
 And in heaven  
 there is great rejoicing!  
 There is a festival of stars!  
 There is celebration among the angels!  
 For in the finding of one lost sheep,  
 the heart of the Shepherd is glad, and  
 Christmas has happened once more.  
 The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed!



**Christmas Eve Service  
 Communion & Candlelight  
 Monday, December 24,  
 8:00pm  
 In the Sanctuary**

**SATURDAY SERVANTS  
 December 29 @ 9:00am  
 in the Kirk**

Join the Deacons as we prepare bag lunches for those in need in our community. A great family event.



*The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of John and Gale Jones by Dan and Minerva McLendon.*



**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 December 23, 2018  
 10:30AM

**WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD**

PRELUDE **Carol of the Bells** Kristopher Moorhead  
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Neal Glenn, Elder

**WE PRAISE GOD**

◇ CALL TO WORSHIP John 8:12 Dr. Dennis Tedder  
 Leader: Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world."  
**All: Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.**

LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE The Morgan Family

LITANY FOR ADVENT

Hear of God's incredible love for us, spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

**But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:**

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 And the flame shall not consume you.

**For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

◇ CAROL 133 **O Come, All Ye Faithful** ADESTE FIDELES

During Advent, we mark each of the four Sundays by lighting a candle. These candles are signs of the growing light of Christ into the darkness of our world. Until that Great Day, we watch and wait for Christ's light in the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, love and joy; remembering the promises of God with prayer.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**THE PROPHECY (Isaiah 7:14, 9:2, 11:1-2)** Carah Ellen Morrill

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* insert

**THE ANNUNCIATION** Grace Metz  
**(Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25)**

EXPRESSING THE FAITH *O Holy Night* Adam  
Kaitlyn Brown, Ashley Burriss, Emily Burriss, Amelia White

**THE BIRTH (Luke 2:1-7)** Hudson Richardson

Carol *Away in a Manger* insert

**THE SHEPHERDS HEAR OF THE BIRTH** Huiet Ann Clary  
**(Luke 2:8-20)**

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* insert

**THE WISE MEN SEEK HIM** Ella Grace Clary  
**(Matthew 2, Isaiah 9:6)**

◇ HYMN *Go Tell It On The Mountain* insert

MEDITATION *“Every Child Has a Part”* Dr. Dennis Tedder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Dennis Tedder

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Silent Night* Arr. Yasunda  
Celeste and Preston Griffith

◇ DOXOLOGY

◇ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◇ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Joy To The World* pg. 134

BENEDICTION *Isaiah 9:6* Claire Ryan

POSTLUDE *Reflections of the Nativity* Straidle  
Celeste and Preston Griffith

*May the light of Christ fill your heart; and may you shine that light so others can see the love of Christ in you. MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all people in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strive, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### *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 the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lay his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky  
looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

### *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

*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 fear and trembled when  
lo! above the earth rang out the angel  
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.

Please remain seating for  
the Carols within the telling  
of the Christmas story.

Thank you for joining us in  
worship! We wish you and  
your family a blessed  
Christmas and New Year.  
Please come back and visit  
again.

On Dec. 30th join us for  
a Congregational “Wise  
Men” (and women)  
Breakfast at 9:30am in the  
Kirk followed by Worship at  
10:30am in the sanctuary.

\*Nursery is available for  
children under 2yrs.

\*We will not dismiss the  
young disciples from the  
Sanctuary this morning.  
We encourage you to have  
them stay and enjoy the  
Christmas story. However,  
Extended Session is  
available in room 101 for  
children 4k and younger for  
those who need it.