

# CHRISTMAS EVE

FAMILY SERVICE 10:00 A.M.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

December 24, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTARY: Carols of Christmas

*John Alexander, organ*

INTROIT: Arise, Shine, Jesus Has Come!...Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo

*Credo and Cherub Choirs*

WELCOME .....Rev. Jill Duffield

PROCESSION OF THE NATIVITY

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 133 – O Come, All Ye Faithful.....ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Lisa Witherspoon  
Webb Sheaff, Advent Wreath Lighter

Leader: For unto us a child was born,  
For this world ... Jesus, who is Christ our Lord.

**All: Salvation was proclaimed,  
Hope and freedom for all were promised.**

Leader: Jesus, Christ our Lord, meet us this day,  
For we wait on you.  
Renew the joy of our salvation.

*(Silence is observed. The candles are lit.)*

**All: Jesus, Christ our Lord,  
With your salvation, transform this world.**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN .....Rev. Jill Duffield

CHORAL RESPONSE: I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In.....arr. Dolores Hruby  
*Credo and Cherub Choirs*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Luke 1:26-35; 38*.....Carolina Medlin

WORSHIP IN SONG: An Angel Told Mary  
*Credo and Cherub Choirs*



## The Birth of Christ

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Luke 2:1-7*..... Ward Payonk

WORSHIP IN SONG: *Away in a Manger*

*Canticle, Credo and Cherub Choirs*

*Radha Upton, piano*

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

## The Angels' Proclamation

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Luke 2:8-14*..... Hooper Barbee

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 119 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing .... MENDELSSOHN  
(verse 1)

**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!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

## The Shepherds' Journey to Bethlehem

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Luke 2:15-20*.....Carlson Wagoner

ANTHEM: The First Noel ..... arr. Ken Berg (b. 1942)

*Canticle Choir*  
*Radha Upton, piano*

## The Magi's Journey to the Manger

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12* ..... Madeline Faucher

WORSHIP IN SONG: Mid-Winter ..... Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*Canticle Choir*  
*Radha Upton, piano*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING.....Phaedra Smith

*You may also participate in the offering by giving online at [fpcgreensboro.org/give](http://fpcgreensboro.org/give) or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

OFFERTORY: Ding Dong! Merrily on High ..... Ken Berg (b. 1942)

*Canticle Choir*  
*Radha Upton, piano*



CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 122 – Silent Night ..... STILLE NACHT  
(verses 1 and 2)

**Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!"**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 134 – Joy to the World..... ANTIOCH  
(verses 1 and 2)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

\* DOXOLOGY: No. 143 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory ..... REGENT SQUARE  
(verse 4)

**All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

- \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION .....Phaedra Smith
- \* BENEDICTION .....Rev. Jill Duffield
- \* HYMN OF SENDING: No. 113 – Angels We Have Heard on High .....GLORIA

**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?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

VOLUNTARY

*John Alexander, organ*

*\* Worshipers are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



## 5th Grade Worship Leaders

Readers ..... Carolina Medlin  
Ward Payonk  
Hooper Barbee  
Carlson Wagoner  
Madeline Faucher

Advent Candle Lighter/ Greeter/Usher ..... Webb Sheaff





## Children's Choirs

### ***Cherub Choir***

Benny Clay  
Lydia Conklin  
Marty Conklin  
James Faucher  
Elsbeth Hilgendorf  
Brooks Kendrick  
Elle McInnis  
Holly Harris Mickleberry  
Ellen Phillips  
Everette Rich  
May Sheaff  
Ellis Wade  
Nolan Wade  
Laney Wielgus  
Lolly Wielgus

### ***Credo Choir***

Rebecca Faucher  
Grace Johnston  
Elouise Jones  
Audrey Phillips

### ***Canticle Choir***

Jackie Albert  
Lizzie Albert  
Eliza Price Barbee  
Meier DiehlBussell  
De'Nique Byron  
Madeline Faucher  
Charlotte Freeze  
Liza Johnston  
Emerson Jones  
Zoë Upton

## Adult Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, *Senior Pastor*

Lisa Witherspoon, *Director of Children & Youth Ministry*

Phaedra Smith, *Associate Director of Children & Youth Ministry*

John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*

Anne Albert, *Director of Worship*

Radha Upton, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

## ALL ARE WELCOME

This is a family service and children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. Special Christmas Eve worship bags are provided and do not need to be returned.

This morning's service is livestreamed at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) and can be viewed later on our YouTube channel, [YOUTUBE.COM/FPCGREENSBORO](http://YOUTUBE.COM/FPCGREENSBORO). Please recycle your bulletins at the door, and be sure to take any personal belongings with you.

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No photos or videos may be posted to personal social media sites per FPC's Child Protection Policy.*

## CHRISTMAS MORNING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

**One service: 10 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary.** Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary, and worship activity bags are available at the entrances.

## JANUARY 5

Elementary milestone classes will begin during the 10 a.m. church school hour. Contact Lisa Witherspoon ([LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG)) for more info.

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