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FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The First Sunday
of Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

A brief silence is kept.

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! **Amen.**

*HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

OPENING PRAYER

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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| A NEW SONG | <i>Psalm 96</i> | CeCe Robinson |
| CAROL 132 | <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i> | IN DULCI JUBILO |
| THE BIRTH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH | <i>Matthew 1:18-26</i> | Janice Odom |
| CAROL 129 | <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> | ES IST EIN' ROS' |
| THE VISIT OF THE MAGI | <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> | Ben Robinson |
| CAROL 147 | <i>The First Nowell</i> | THE FIRST NOWELL |
| THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT | <i>Matthew 2:13-15</i> | Anna Robinson |
| CAROL 154 | <i>Jesus Entered Egypt</i> | KING'S WESTON |
| HEROD'S VIOLENCE & BETHLEHEM'S WEEPING | <i>Matthew 2:16-18</i> | Deanna Wehrung |
| RESPONSE | <i>Coventry Carol</i> | |
| THE RETURN FROM EGYPT | <i>Matthew 2:19-23</i> | Linda Morris |
| CAROL 145 | <i>What Child is This</i> | GREENSLEEVES |
| GOD HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE SON | <i>Hebrews 1:1-14</i> | Marilyn Van Winkle |
| CAROL 140 | <i>Once in Royal David's City</i> | IRBY |

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the conclusion of each petition:

O God of love, **draw us together in peace.**

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you, for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping, to enter our world as a child of humble birth. We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary. In his face we behold your glory, for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving, that we may give as we have received. Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you, God of love and peace, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Jeff Moles

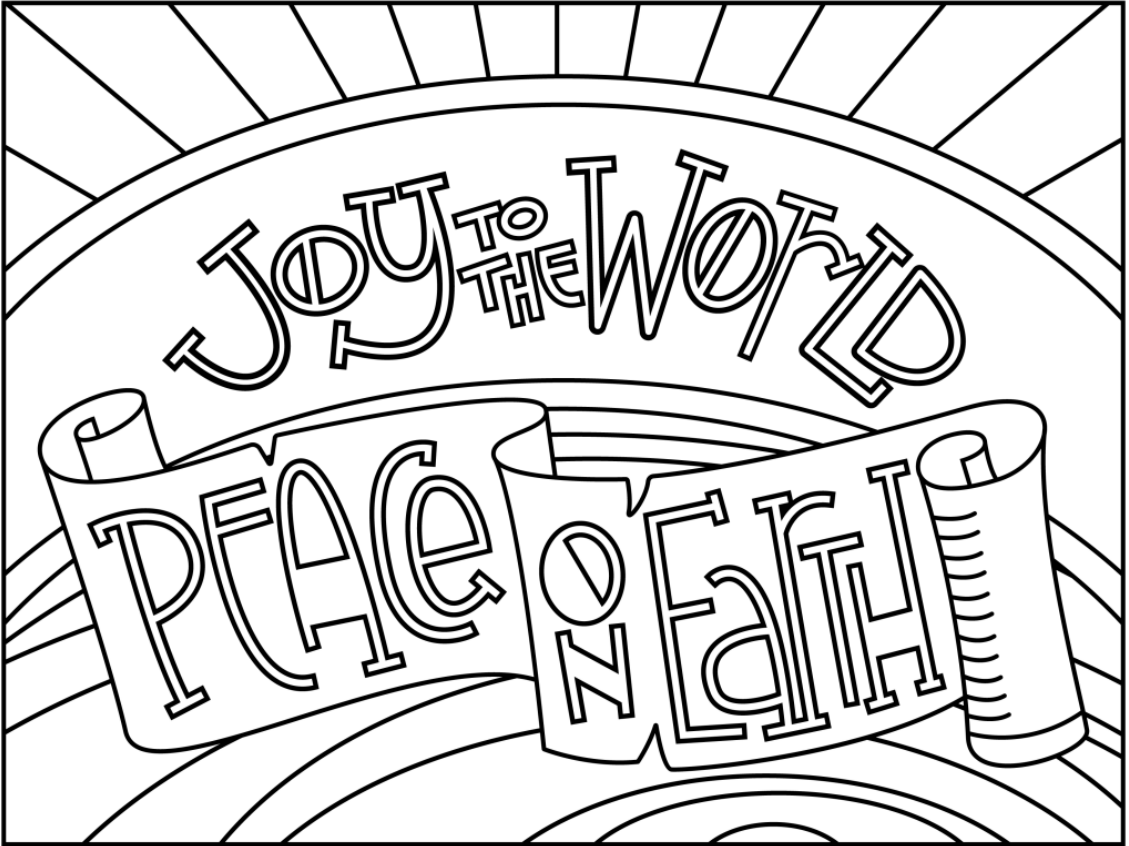
Liturgist: *Ben Robinson*

The Life of the Church

2021 Financial Contributions must be received in the church office by 10:00am on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 (as long as it is dated in 2021) to be applied toward your 2021 Giving Statement. Thank you for your generosity!

The Owensboro NAACP's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm. This community-wide event will include guest speaker Rev. Charles Johnson of Henderson, KY, and music from the Kentucky Wesleyan Gospel Choir.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





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community of faith called to proclaim
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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