

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Chancel Choir Christmas Presentation

December 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The time to begin preparing for worship is no later than the sounding of the chimes.

Please silence all cell phones and other communication devices.

No unauthorized photography or recordings are allowed during the worship service.

*The congregation is invited to stand.

CHIMING

EXPRESSIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Andrew Chaney

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Luke Archer and Miller Calhoun

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Carols by the Tree

CAROL

In a Manger

Pat Boozer

In a manger a child so holy, In a manger a King so small; Angels tell of the blessed Savior Born today in a cattle stall. Lift up your praise and resound the tidings; Spread the news of glorious birth. Healing can come to ev'ry nation; Sing out the message around the earth. Glory to God who reigns on high. Jesus, our Lord, is born this night. Lift up your praise, let the heavens ring; Loud hosannas to the newborn King. In a manger a child so holy, In a manger a King so small; Angels tell of the blessed Savior Born today in a cattle stall. Christ is our hope in a time of sadness, Eternal life through a Holy birth. Join in our song of hope and promise; Heavenly Love has come to earth. Alleluia! We welcome the boy! Alleluia! Our Comfort and Joy. Alleluia! Death's battle is won. Alleluia! Through Jesus God's Son! In a manger a child so holy, In a manger a King so small; Angels tell of the blessed Savior Born today in a cattle stall. Lift up your praise and resound the tidings; Spread the news of the glorious birth. Healing can come to ev'ry nation; Sing out the message around the earth. Lift up your praise! Spread the Good News! Healing can come. Sing out the message around the earth.

CAROL

Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang

arr. David N. Johnson

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang; To Bethlehem she came And was delivered of a son: Lo, Jesus was his name. "Ah, lullaby my joy!" singing, "Lullaby my Baby Boy." She was delivered of a Son: Lo, Jesus was his name. "Sweet Babe," sang he so tenderly, With love, and joy, and mirth, In awe and wonder gazed on him, God's Son now come to earth. "Ah, he is born, God's Son!" Singing, "He is born, God's Holy Son." In awe and wonder gazed on him, God's Son now come to earth. Amen.

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angel Sings

arr. Joel Raney

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Gerre Hancock

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was born for you!

CAROL

What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

arr. Healy Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring! Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, Hear you not heav'nly caroling? What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring. What is this light so fair, so tender Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes? Never the Morning Star so radiant Followed his course o'er eastern skies. What is this light so fair, so tender, Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes? Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Saviour, born today. Low at his feet we lay our treasures, Heart's adoration, love for aye, Love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Saviour, born today.

CAROL

Gesú Bambino
(Paul Brown, soloist)

Pietro A. Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang. The grateful earth rejoiced, And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night That gave the world is Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell, the grateful chorus swell, From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CAROL

Silent Night

arr. Joel Raney

CAROL

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so. Far away silent lay, Born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky. Far away silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay; Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Wisemen from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills. Far away silent lay, Born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; Innocent dreaming babe, Make me thy love to know. Far away silent lay, Born today, your homage pay; Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

SUSSEX CAROL

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Doxology

DIX

**As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Richard Oakes

CAROL

From a Far-Off Land

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

From a far-off land we greet the Holy Baby, Guided by the Eastern Star so brightly shining. Oh, the brilliant star that tells of the new dawning, May it always shine, and never fail to guide us! Glory in the highest to our Holy Savior; In the highest heav'n, and on the earth, sing praise! To the newborn King, the Lord of all the nations, Gift of finest gold, for the building of his temples. Oh, the brilliant star that tells of the new dawning, May it always shine, and never fail to guide us! Glory in the highest to our Holy Savior; In the highest heav'n, and on the earth, sing praise! For God's holy Son we offer fragrant incense, Perfume whose fragrance rises to the heavens. Oh, the brilliant star that tells of the new dawning, May it always shine, and never fail to guide us! Glory in the highest to our Holy Savior; In the highest heav'n, and on the earth, sing praise! To the Child of Heav'n who for us became a mortal, Bitter myrrh we bring, His sacrifice foretelling. Oh, the brilliant star that tells of the new dawning, May it always shine, and never fail to guide us! Glory in the highest to our Holy Savior; In the highest heav'n, and on the earth, sing praise!

CAROL

Christmas Joy Medley
(Caroline Chaney, violin)

arr. Gary Lanier

CAROL

Christmas Bells with Joy are Ringing

Hal H. Hopson

Christmas Bells with joy are ringing, Telling forth that Christ is born. Hail, the Son of God incarnate, Welcome to the Heav'nly dawn. See! His Light is shining brighter Than the star which gleams above. Radiance Divine unending, Springing from Eternal love. Christ is born. Christ is born. Bells with joy are ringing. Love has come to guide our footsteps, Love has come to point the way. Love Supreme and Everlasting, Love has come to help us pray. Let us with triumphant voices Joyfully our anthems sing. Jesus Christ has come to save us! Praise to our Redeemer King. Christ is born. Christ is born. Bells with joy are ringing. Christ is born. Sing! Ring! Jesus Christ is born.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Nunc dimittis

Harold W. Friedell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen, have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of the people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Festive Gloria!

Aaron David Miller

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

Sopranos

Lina Elfert
Lorie Guenther
Pat Gullede
Cathy Jennings
Allison Smithee

Altos

Christie Beattie
Susan Beckham
Sherry Clark
Mary Haley Flautt
Shannon Melton

Tenors

Dallas Baker
Paul Brown
Rick Smith
Mike Sturdivant III

Basses

Eddie Amelung
Glenn Beckham
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143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

Love Has Come

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
F Dm7 Gm7 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) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
F Dm7 Gm C7 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) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
C F Dm F C B \flat 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

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

(Em7)

(F#7)

(G)

(A)

(Bm)

(A7)

Gm7

A7

Bb

C

Dm

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)

(A)

(G)

(A)

(D)

(A)

(A7)

(Dsus)

(D)

F

C

Bb

C

F

C

C7

Fsus

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thanks to Dink Strain, Charles Covington, and Lonnie Love for erecting the Chrismon Tree.

Our thanks to Ann Litton, Kathryn Pittman, Toni Powers, and Nancy Walker for decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary.

Our thanks to members of the 2023 Confirmation Class for serving as our Advent Candlelighters for the month of December.

The Annual Blood Drive is today from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Stewardship Update: To date, 87 pledges were received totaling \$668,190 for the church's work in 2024. Thank you! Pledge cards and Time and Talent Surveys are available on the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary if you have not filled them out already. They may be placed in the offering plates.

Poinsettias for Christmas: The Worship & Music Committee and the Flower Guild invite the congregation to contribute to the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. Contributions may be given *in memory of or in honor of loved ones*. Make checks payable to FPC, designate "Poinsettias for Christmas". **Deadline: Wednesday, December 13.**

PW Noon Circle meets Monday, December 11, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

These committees meet Monday, December 11: **Christian Education** at 4:30 p.m., **Youth Committee** at 5:00 p.m., and **Building and Grounds Committee** at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, December 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Youth will gather on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m. for dinner followed at 6:00 p.m. for Game Night.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets Thursday, December 14, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. All men of the church are invited to attend.

Classics at First concert series presents the Faculty Brass Quintet of Mississippi State University in a Holiday Concert in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. No admission fee.

The Children's Nativity Pageant will be presented during the morning worship service next Sunday, December 17.

CALENDER

Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:00 a.m. FPC Blood Drive
9:40 a.m. Choristers Choir
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Worship/Chancel Choir Program
5:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night

Monday, December 11, 2023

12:00 p.m. PW Noon Circle
4:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee
5:00 p.m. Youth Committee
5:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

2:30 p.m. Liturgy Meeting
5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
5:30 p.m. Administrative Committee
7:00 p.m. Classics at First Concert—MSU Brass Quintet

Saturday, December 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal for those with speaking parts - Sanctuary