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**Please note** that Staff who work Sundays\* are off on Fridays. The church office remains open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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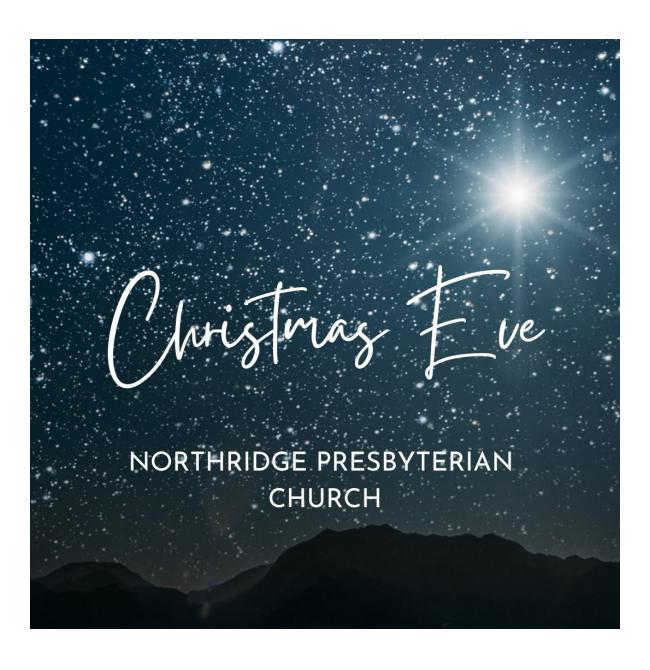
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Northridge Presbyterian Church December 24, 2022 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve

## GATHERING

	GATHERING			Veni Emmanuel	
	Chiming of the Hour Introit Welcome	troit I Will Light Candles This Christmas Kim André Arnesen		O come, O come, Emmanu that mourns in lonely exile h Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanu HEARING GO	
	<b>PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD</b> <i>to rise in body or spirit</i>				
				Prayer for Illumination	
¢	Call to Worship We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt. Soon the Light will shine in the darkness; soon the baby will be born. Soon God will once again break into our lives,			Scripture Reading <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Luke 2:
	coming in a way that is expected yet unusual, challenging our expectations and calling us to see life differently.			Sermon	The Pla
	In this time of song and prayer and silence, reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.			<b>RESPONDING TO</b>	
	As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor, remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways.			Hymn of Affirmation #134	Joy to the
	And when we leave this place, may we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES and the birth			Invitation to the Table	
	<ul> <li>that we prepare to celebrate. Amen.</li> <li>Lighting the Christ Candle</li> <li>Gathering Hymn #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES</li> <li>Prayer of Confession</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The L The Lord be with you.</li> <li>And also with you.</li> <li>Lift up your hearts.</li> <li>We lift them up to the Lord.</li> <li>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</li> <li>It is right to give God thanks and prais</li> </ul>	
	God, we confess that ours is still a world in which Herod seems to rule: the powerful are revered, the visions of the wise are ignored, the poor are afflicted and the innocent are killed. You show us that salvation comes in the vulnerability of a child, yet we hunger for the "security" of weapons and walls. You teach us that freedom comes in love of service, yet we trample on others in our efforts to be "free." Forgive us, God, when we look to the palace instead of the stable, when we heed politicians more than prophets. Renew us with the spirit of Bethlehem that we may be better prepared for your coming. Amen. Assurance of Pardon			Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. forgive us our debts, as we forgive our d but deliver us from evil. For thine is the glory, forever. Amen.	
				Communion of the Lord's Supper	
				Post-Communion Prayer	
				Call To Give (To give via text, send a text message to <u>1-8</u>	
				If you pledge, this offering will	
¢	Passing the Peace The peace of Chris And also with you	•		Offertory	Christmas
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Prayer of Dedication

uel, and ransom captive Israel, here until the Son of God appear. uel shall come to thee, O Israel. OD'S WORD

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Rev. Dr. George Mason

## O GOD'S WORD

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Lord's Prayer

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# ed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy . Give us this day our daily bread; and debtors; and lead us not into temptation, kingdom, and the power, and the

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Candle

K. Lee Scott

♦ Charge and Benediction

Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

◆ Sending Hymn #122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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## Leading worship today:

Rev. Dr. George Mason, Guest Preacher Rev. Betsy Swetenburg, Pastor Bryan Page, Music Director Destin Wernicke, Organist Monty Watson and Jacob Cox, Candle Lighters Anne Raymond, Lay Reader Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

We welcome The Rev. Dr. George Mason to our pulpit this evening.

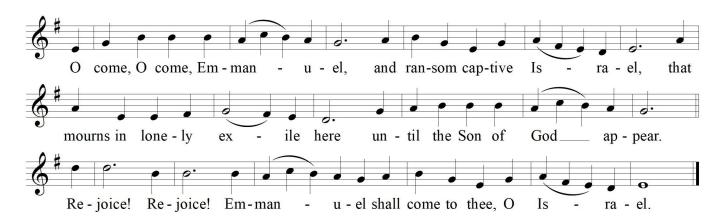
Rev. Dr. George Mason retired from his role of senior pastor at Wilshire Baptist Church last May. He had served in that position since August 1989. He is the lead advisor for the Baptist House of Studies at Perkins School of Theology (SMU) and is a frequent op-ed contributor to *The Dallas Morning News*. He is the founder and president of Faith Commons, a multifaith organization committed to "bringing faith to life." He is the author of *Preparing the Pastors We Need: Reclaiming the Congregation's Role in Training Clergy*, published by Alban Press in 2012. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from University of Miami (1978); and a Master of Divinity (1982) and Doctor of Philosophy (1987) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We welcome him to the pulpit this Christmas Eve!

## Visitors, we'd like to get to know you better!

Scan this QR code for more information so we can be in touch. We believe the church is a gift that everyone deserves to enjoy. It's a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, pursuing a more just world, and following the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be right for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at <u>betsys@northridgepc.org</u>.



### ♥ Veni Emmanuel



# Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Worship on Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1 will be offered virtually. Stream the services on our YouTube channel by visiting <u>www.youtube.com/c/NorthridgePresbyterian</u>, or by visiting the "Worship Online" tab of our website at www.northridgepc.org/worship-online/.