

fellowship

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Cinematic Christmas

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021

6:00 pm



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Hymns of Gathering

Hymn # 115

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

"Away in a Manger"

The cattle are lowing; the
poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no
crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus;
look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until
morning is nigh.

Mueller

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.

Hymn # 108

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the
worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; He the source,
the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore
and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he
commanded; it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft shining, all
that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the
virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the
Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, evermore
and evermore!

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Divinium Mysterium

This is he whom seers in old time changed
of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long expected. Let
creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel
hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and
extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring, evermore and
evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and,
O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and
evermore! Amen.

Please sign the online friendship pad making use of your smartphone camera to do so. This allows us to know you are worshipping with us this evening. You may also include any prayer requests or concerns you may have with Pastor Kathryn.



Prelude

"Still, Still, Still/Away in a Manger"

arr. Rouse

Cynthia Hartis, piano

"What Child is This"

Greensleeves

Grace Wepner Ludtke, Harp

Lighting of The Advent Wreath

Tom and Jeanie Harrison

*** Carol # 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!

[Refrain]

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!

[Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest!
[Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! *[Refrain]*

*** Unison Prayer of Forgiveness**

Tom Harrison

This was going to be the year, God of silent nights, when we were going to give away more than we spent, but we didn't. This was going to be the season when we spent more time with others, but we filled our calendars with meetings. This was going to be the Christmas when we wrote personal letters to friends and family, but spent too much energy filling out our to-do lists. This was going to be a truly holy season, but it just got to harried and hurried. Forgive us, Love Gifter, and draw us closer to the Baby born not into wealth and power, but into poverty and weakness; to the One who loves unconditionally and welcomes all; to the Child who gathers other children to him, to bless them and serve them; to the One who drew near to us, so we might be drawn to your heart – Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Lord. *(Time for silent, personal confession)* Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

*** Song**

"Here I Am to Worship"

Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You
created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"Jesus Comes"

Morris/Bringle

Anna Hartis, violin

Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Cinematic Christmas: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Song

“The First Nowell”

Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, through bank draft, or made through online donation – information on how to do that is in the announcements below. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

Offertory

“O Holy Night”

Adam

Rev. Blake Tickle & Gary Anderson

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The sung responses are taken from familiar Christmas carols; all are invited to join the choir in singing them when prompted.

We praise you, God among us... raise our voices with eternal songs of praise:

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Though he was poor... He loves us fiercely.

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

When we... the promise of new life to everyone.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Send forth your Holy Spirit... our churches and our lives.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We do indeed give you praise, O God... praying the prayer he taught us, saying:

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.

Presentation of the Elements

Sharing of the Meal

Music During Communion

"Largo"

J.S. Bach

Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

Closing Prayer

*** Hymn # 112**

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring,
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
then life and health come in its place;
when sin departs before his grace,
then life and health come in its place;
heaven and earth with joy may sing,
all for to see the newborn King.

Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad;
then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heaven;
peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"

Third Lesson

John 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Light of Christ

As the light of Christ is offered to you from your neighbor, you are asked to place the wick of your unlit candle into the lit candle for safety and care of the flame. Should you need assistance, or the light goes out, please turn back to the neighbor from whom you received the light and simply relight your candle.

Carol # 122***"Silent Night, Holy Night"***

Stille Nacht

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,
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.

Charge and Benediction*** Sending Song of Celebration # 127**

We'll Walk in the Light

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World"

Hark! The herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus the light of the world.

[Refrain]

We'll walk in the light, Beautiful light.
Come where the dew drops of mercy
shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by
night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. *[Refrain]*

Christ by highest heaven adored;
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Jesus, the light of the world. *[Refrain]*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. *[Refrain]*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Blake Tickle	<i>Music Director</i>
Cynthia Hartis	<i>Piano</i>
Patrick Harman	<i>Guitar</i>
Tom Harrison	<i>Liturgist</i>
Jeanie Harrison	<i>Liturgist</i>
Charles Layno	<i>Technical Support</i>
Steve Brandt	<i>Technical Support</i>
Susie Knorr	<i>Technical Support</i>
Mary Howe	<i>Technical Support</i>

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Gail and Greg French mourn the passing of Gail's mother, **Evelyn York**, who died this week. Visitation will take place today at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church from 2-3 pm.
- **Libby Ansel** (Lesa Layno's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing further testing.
- Blake Tickle requests prayers for the family and friends of his friend, **Noah Cameron**, who died in a car accident on December 19.
- The Fellowship Family mourns with the rest of the Salem Presbytery community at the passing of **Rev. James Rissmiller**, who died earlier this week. Rev. Rissmiller served in many roles in Salem Presbytery, including as one of its General Presbyters. We grieve with his family and colleagues.
- Betsy Craver requests prayers for her cousin, Jenny George, who has had a reoccurrence of Ovarian cancer and is starting a new round of chemo.
- **Kurt**, friend of Fred Campbell, has been hospitalized for over a week with COVID. Fred is grateful for prayers for his friend's recovery.
- Traci Rankins seeks prayers for **Richard Turner**, Erik's stepfather, who has entered hospice care.
- Continued prayers for our church members: **Melissa Johnson, Lea Groves, Donna, Katie & the Steele family, Nancy Baughman, and Bruce Weaver, and Marjorie Van Horn.**
- Continued prayers for the family and friends of our congregation: **the Votaw Family (Erin, Trent, Lucas, and Ben)** after their house burned down on November 27. **Erin** was a teacher at Fellowship Day School, **Felicia Schaps** (Lindahl's daughter-in-law's mother), **Teresa** (Terry Anderson's coworker), **Ashley Long** (Joel and Ann Long's daughter-in-law), **Libby Ansel** (Lesa Layno's sister), **Gail Keefe** (John Archambault's colleague), **John Fair** (FPC's former organist), **Joyce Berger** (Kandee's mother), **Gwen Flowers & her family** (Linda Ueland's sister), **Dorothy & Edward Archambault** (John Archambault's parents), **Roe Roe Tucker** (friend of Lesa & Charles Layno), **Arch Gravely** (Peggy Koppel's cousin), **Tim King family** (Phyllis King's son), **Roger Eliason** (Tye Wittmann's coworker).

If you have any additional prayer concerns, please contact Linda Ueland (336-314-5481) or call Martha at the church (336-288-5177).

Announcements

- **End-of-Year Giving:** Financial contributions must be received **by noon or postmarked by December 31** to be recorded and recognized in 2021.
- **Worship THIS Sunday, December 26, is UKirk Sunday.** Rev. Katie Barrett Todd will be leading worship with the help of the students of the ministry. Worship will be virtual – on **Facebook Live ONLY** – the building will be closed. Worship will resume in-person on January 2. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathryn.
- **Pastor Kathryn is on vacation this week.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Blake Tickle at 336.710.3201.
- **Adult Education** will resume on January 2 in the library by looking at how faith and current events meet at the crossroads using The Wired Word curriculum.
- **Realm is Coming!** The Outreach Committee is asking for the Fellowship Family to participate is by joining *Realm*. *Realm* is an online platform of the church's database that provides for better communication within and through the Fellowship Family, including an online directory, church calendar, and an ability to both RSVP for upcoming events and give online. The Outreach Committee thanks you, in advance, for opting-in and completing your online profile. Please visit <https://onrealm.org/fellowshippresbyterian> to complete your profile. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn.
- **Volunteering with Applewood, Backpack Beginnings, and Greensboro Housing Authority:** Fellowship has started an ongoing partnership between Backpack Beginnings, GHA, and The Applewood Community. Please contact Mary Howe to sign up for one of the Wednesday opportunities (maryhowe0712@gmail.com or call/text 336-698-6541). A signup is also available online and in the Dogwood Lobby.
- **Guidelines for Safe Return to Worship** are posted at the Office and Dogwood Lobby doors for your review. ***Despite the lifting of the Guilford County mask mandate, the mask rule is still in effect in the building as per the December 7 Session meeting.*** If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathryn or Julie Davis, Clerk of Session.

Upcoming Events

- **December 24: Christmas Eve**
 - **9am - 12noon: Office Open**
 - **5:45pm:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
 - **6pm:** *“A Cinematic Christmas: A Charlie Brown Christmas”* Candlelight Worship with Communion— in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom, and YouTube
- **December 26:**
 - **9:30am:** *Virtual Worship with UKirk* on Facebook Live
 - **10:30am:** No Fellowship Time
 - **10:45am:** No Education Hour
- **December 27-29:**
 - Offices Closed in observation of Christmas
- **December 30:**
 - Office Hours: 9am - 12pm; 1pm-4pm
- **December 31:**
 - Office Hours: 9am-12pm (*Financial contributions must be received **by noon on December 31** to be recorded and recognized in 2021.*)
- **January 2:**
 - **9:15-11:15am:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
 - **9:30am: 9:30am:** Worship – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube
 - **10:30am:** Fellowship Time – in Dogwood Lobby
 - **10:45am:** Education Hour in the Library
- **January 3:**
 - Offices Closed in observation of New Year’s Day

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP DATE:

SCRIPTURE
PASSAGE(S):

HYMNS & MUSIC:

SERMON NOTES -

OTHER NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP/THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER -

PRAYER CONCERNS -
