A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Prelude
A Ringing Christmas
The Jubilate Ringers
Linda McKechnie

The Welcome
The Lighting of the Advent Candle: LOVE

The Old Testament Lesson:
Isaiah 7:10-16
p. 779 in the pew Bible
P. 110 verse 1

Prayer
Sung Response
Love has come; a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Spoken Response:
People of God, in love,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord!
The Coming of the Lord
The Youth Ensemble & Adult Choir
Pepper Choplin

Waiting
Pepper Choplin
Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind 'til we find Your light. Lord, when we pray, give us faith that you hear every prayer,
As we're waiting, We are waiting.

*The Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinner 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!"

Christ, by highest heaven adore, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, off-spring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity; pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Scripture
Luke 2: vs. 1-7
Tina Christie & Heather Staton, flutes
A stable bare, a starlit sky, and under Heaven's watchful eye a miracle in manger lay, the Lamb of God upon a bed of straw.
The first news of this glorious birth was told to those of little worth, who left their flocks, as angels said, to find the Lamb of God in manger bed.
The shepherds paused at stable door, looked on the Lamb and in Him saw their own good Shepherd, born a Lamb, Themselves the flock within the Shepherd's hand.
With shepherds gaze in wonder on the mystery of Heaven's plan, The Shepherd, born to live with us, is born to die for us, The shepherds' Lamb.

Scripture
Luke 2: vs. 8-14
Ginger Oplinger, violin
Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth. Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
Sages, leave your contemplation, Brighter visions beam afar. Seek the great Desire of Nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
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!

Scripture
Luke 2: vs. 15-16
Dorothy Mondah, soprano
The Gift of Love
Maxine Posegay
Little Jesus lay on the sweet smelling hay while angels watched from above;
And the stars looked down on the sleeping town where God sent His Gift of Love. Shepherds out on the hill where sheep lay so still heard the angels singing above;
And they trembled in fright at the dazzling sight, when God sent His Gift of Love.
“Fear thou not, for this One is the Father's dear Son, Who is come down to earth from above.”
Then with joy did they go to the manger low, Where God sent His Gift of Love.

Away in a Manger

*All who are able may stand.
Covenant Choir & Youth Ensemble Handchimes

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

Scripture
Luke 2: vs.17-18

Unto Us a Son is Born
Trevor Manor

Unto us a Son is born; “Welcome, holy Stranger!” Let us go this happy morn and see Him in the manger. How can He be born on earth yet Lord of all creation!
Still the oxen know His worth and kneel in adoration. ‘Round the stable angels sing, and shepherds thrill to hear it!
Mary treasures all these things within a humble spirit.
When this Child becomes a man He’ll teach and heal the nations, Then fulfill His Father’s plan and die for our salvation. Though He bears our sin and strife, Now hear the gospel story; Christ shall rise again to life, and lead us up to glory.
Alpha and Omega He! All heaven and earth rejoices!
Let us sing out merrily and join the angel voices! Unto us a Son is born!

The Hymn 133
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Moklebust, arr.

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the king of angels; Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing. Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. Choir
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning. Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The Charge & Choral Benediction

Jesus Christ is Born
Mark Patterson

Sound aloud your praises on this day of joy, Singing forth a glorious song: Jesus Christ is born! Come and worship Christ the King who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing: Jesus Christ is born!
All the earth rejoices this and every morn. Angel tidings fill the air:
Jesus Christ is born! Come and worship Christ the King who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing: Jesus Christ is born!

The Postlude:

Joy to the World
Gerald Peterson

Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of David and Doris Johnson.

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

Childcare is available for infants through 4-year-olds. The nursery is located on the 1st floor of the Education Building, directly behind this building. Children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service or go to the nursery at any time during the worship service.

Restrooms are located in the education building, down the first set of stairs, next to the kitchen.

The Presbyterian Church

Lessons & Carols

December 18, 2022

Today's Worship Leaders:
Preacher, Kim Clayton
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

The Advent Lighters are The Howe Family and Eland Family at the 8:30 service and the 1st-2nd LIFT class at the 11:00 service.