

Musical Offering .....*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*  
Jordan Plair, Soloist MORNING SONG

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God’s purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastoral Prayer and 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

Giving and Receiving  
Offertory ..... *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*  
GEORG BOEHM

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*Hymn 145 ..... *What Child Is This*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y’s lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this “babe, the son of Mary!” The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1871 GREENSLEEVES  
MUSIC: English ballad, 16th cent.; arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude ..... Ye Sons of Men, O Hearken  
J.S. BACH

\*All Who Are Able Please Stand | + Ushers Will Seat Latecomers



A Service for the Worship of God  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2025  
11:00 AM



Rowan Harris, 2025

Mary said: “With all my heart I glorify the Lord!”  
Luke 1:46

*To all who are weary and need rest,  
To all who mourn and need comfort,  
To all who are lonely and need friendship,  
To all who are glad and would serve their neighbors,  
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
This church opens wide its doors  
In the name of Christ and bids you welcome.*

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Striking of the Hour

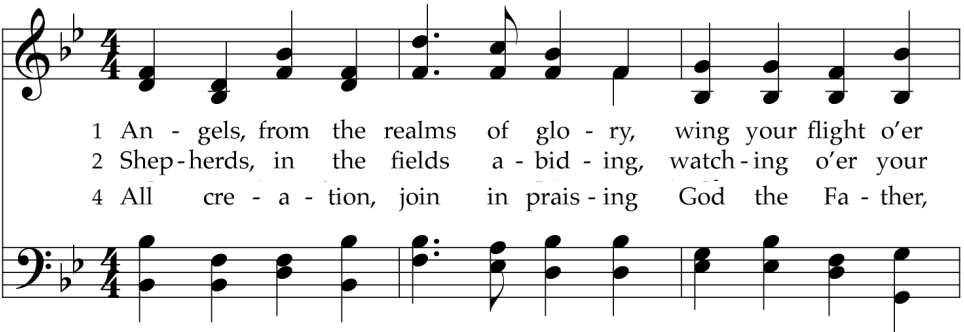
Prelude..... *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly*  
SARA GLICK

Choral Introit

Opening Words & Call to Worship - *from Psalm 146* ..... Elder Geneva Baxley

*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
Who made heaven and earth,  
The sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;  
Who executes justice for the oppressed;  
Who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
God upholds the orphan and the widow,  
But the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
Your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!*

\*Hymn 143..... *Angels From the Realms of Glory*



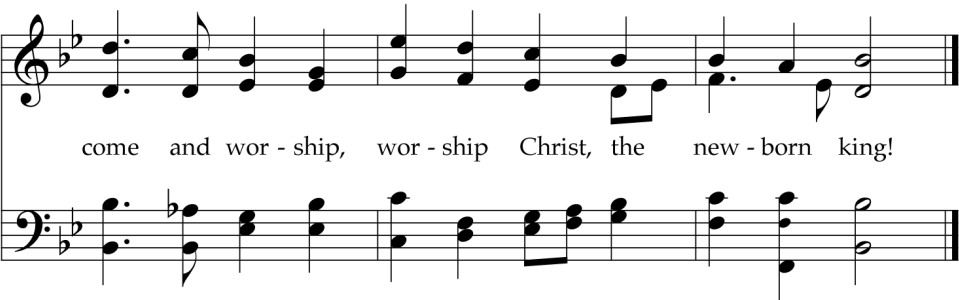
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
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,  
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.”

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825; stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857  
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE  
8.7.8.7.8.7

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Pat &Rob Blumer

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and glory and majesty all around. But we may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. Because we know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes, we are the ones with advantage who ignore and harm those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. (Let us continue in prayer silently)

Congregational Response Carol ..... *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*May we who kneel before the Lord,  
Whose hearts confess our sin,  
Find peace that comes from God alone,  
As Jesus enters in.*

*Hear us, O God of grace and love,  
As humbly now we bow,  
Incline to us and wash us clean,  
Reign in our hearts right now.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

\* Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Anthem..... *There Is No Rose of Such Virtue*  
Jordan Plair, *Music Director* STEPHEN CARRACCILO  
Lily Cooper, Organist

Children’s Sermon ..... Geneva Baxley  
*During Advent* As we sing the refrain from *The First Nowell*,  
all children are welcome to come down front

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.*

Passing of the Peace


*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Prophecy Lesson ..... Isaiah 35:1-10

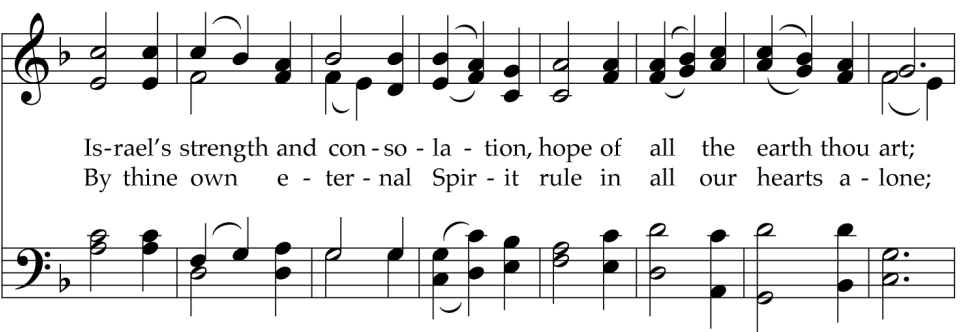
\*Hymn 82 ..... *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for-ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael’s strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening “Come,” this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = “coming”). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL  
8.7.8.7.D  
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

Gospel Lesson ..... Luke 1:46-55

Sermon..... **Can God Be Enough?**  
Dr. Patrick Perryman



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**TODAY THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** to the glory of God and in celebration of the hope, peace, joy, and love this advent season.

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# DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 11/30 ADVENT BEGINS
- 12/5-7 NATIVITY CELEBRATION
- 12/12 PW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:30AM
- 12/13 CHRISTMAS ON THE RIVER 11AM
- 12/14 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 4PM
- 12/14 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY 5PM
- 12/21 LESSONS & CAROLS 11AM
- 12/21 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE 5PM
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM & 7PM

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A community service for remembrance, hope,  
comfort and inspiration



Sunday, December 21st

5pm

410 Church Street  
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## 5PM

**FEATURING THE FPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

## 7PM

**FEATURING THE FPC CHANCEL CHOIR & BRASS**

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On behalf of the FPC Mission and Outreach Committee, thank you for your extraordinary support during 2025. Because of *your gifts* of time, talent, and treasure, First Presbyterian Church has been able to “re-present” Christ to countless individuals in our community and beyond. Through your generosity, we have partnered with local ministries such as CAPA, Family Promise, Friends of Caroline Hospice, Campus Ministries, Good Neighbor Medical Clinic, HELP/Mobile Meals, Hopeful Horizons, and international outreach to Bududa, Children of Light, and Zariki.

Your support has *strengthened* disaster relief efforts in North Carolina, *encouraged* families through the Neighborhood Outreach Connection, *contributed* to One Great Hour of Sharing, *assisted* residents of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina and Resorts of Beaufort, and *helped feed and equip* neighbors through Rise Against Hunger, The Lending Room, Thornwell, United Way of the Lowcountry, Washington Street Park Suppers, and Water Mission.

We remain deeply grateful for your partnership in ministry and welcome your ideas as we continue discerning how best to serve our neighbors.

As we enter the final weeks of 2025, we humbly ask for your continued support. If you are able, ***please consider*** purchasing grocery or gas gift cards for clients of Good Neighbor Medical Clinic or Hopeful Horizons, ordering items from United Way's Amazon Wish List, or contributing to the Christmas Joy Offering. Each gift helps strengthen our shared mission of compassion and care.

With gratitude,

*Bob Burroughs, Roxanne Cheney, Allison Coppage, Mary Ferguson, John Horne, Barbara Kaines, Nan Krueger, Cindy Levy, Susan Meyer, Bill Norton, Renee Romberger, and Lolita Watson*

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