

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018 10:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION "The First Noel" arr. McChesney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Grover Baldwin

PRELUDE "Joyful and Triumphant" Wagner

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Zephaniah 3: 14-17a

Leader Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; Shout O Israel!
PEOPLE REJOICE AND EXULT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, O DAUGHTER JERUSALEM!

Leader The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
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Leader The King of Israel, the Lord is in your midst;
PEOPLE YOU SHALL FEAR DISASTER NO MORE.

Leader On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

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*PRAISE "Born That We May Have Life" Tomlin

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Joel 2: 12-13

Leader Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
PEOPLE WITH FASTING, WITH WEeping AND WITH MOURNING;

Leader Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God,

PEOPLE FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE, AND RELENTS FROM PUNISHING.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,
PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" No. 49

THE WORD

"Silent Was the Night" by Lani Smith

Reader: John Holmes

Flute: Megan Howell

Trombone, Tuba: Paul Hilliard

"Silent Was the Night"

"The Lord My God My Shepherd Is"

"Away in a Manger"

Congregation sings along

"The Star"

"Shepherds Watching, Shepherds Resting"

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Congregation sings along

"Sleep Holy Babe"

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Congregation sings along

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"Advent Prayer"

Blake

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 592

SENDING

*PRAISE

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Tomlin

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

No. 29 (v.1)

* THE PEACE

Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE

"The King Shall Come"

Broughton

*Please stand if able.

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Elder Gail Yatty

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RECEIVE THE WORD

FIRST READING

Philippians 4: 4-7

SECOND READING

Luke 3: 10-20

SERMON

What Should We Do?

Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Intinction*)

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers will ask you to come forward in groups to form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

Please leave and return to the Sanctuary only during the hymns.

All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Worship Service Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex for Dec. 23rd, Christmas Eve, and Dec. 30 (10:15 service). Please sign-up if you are available to help with any of these services.

- **There will be only one service at 10:15 a.m. on Dec. 30.**
- The Coffee Hour on December 30 will be a Cookie Exchange. Please bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share with others. Coffee and juice will be provided.

ADVENT LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, **December 23**, will be the last Advent luncheon after the 10:15 service. There is a sign-up sheet for the luncheon in the narthex. If you can bring a soup, salad, bread or dessert to share, it would be greatly appreciated. If not, come anyway. We have a great time with good food and great fellowship.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please note that there will be no Sunday School for children and youth on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Any and all items for the January 2019 edition of the Messenger (newsletter) need to be e-mailed to gspc@comcast.net by December 23rd.

THREE KINGS DAY PARTY? WHAT IS THIS?

With the crazy busy November we've had; bazaar and two weeks of Safe Nights and the business of December; pageant, cantata, company parties, visiting family, whew! Let us kick-off the start to the new year with following the star in celebration the life given to us from the One who created for us, the King of all Kings. If you are willing to host the The Three Kings Day Party at your residence on Saturday 5 January, please contact Loann Burian. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This is an adults only party and a gift exchange will be part of the evenings activities.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.
There are fellowship pads at the end of the row, please pass them, and sign them, so that you can learn the names of those who are sitting near you and so that they can know yours as well. Provide other information as desired. After the service, talk to old friends and meet some new ones.

We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

*Please be mindful that as we prepare for worship
we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.

Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* John Tipsword (8:00), Lori and JT Gibson (10:15); *Acolyte:* JT Gibson (10:15); *Ushers:* Stephen Lehrter and Doug Ellison (10:15); *Readers:* Terri Tipsword (8:00); *Nursery Volunteers:* Sandy Webb and Tyler Flora; *Coffee Hour:* Advent Luncheon

TODAY

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Christmas Cantata (during the worship service) at 10:15 a.m.

Advent Luncheon after the worship service

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Dec. 18): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

Thurs. (Dec. 20): 5:30 p.m. – Celebration Ringers

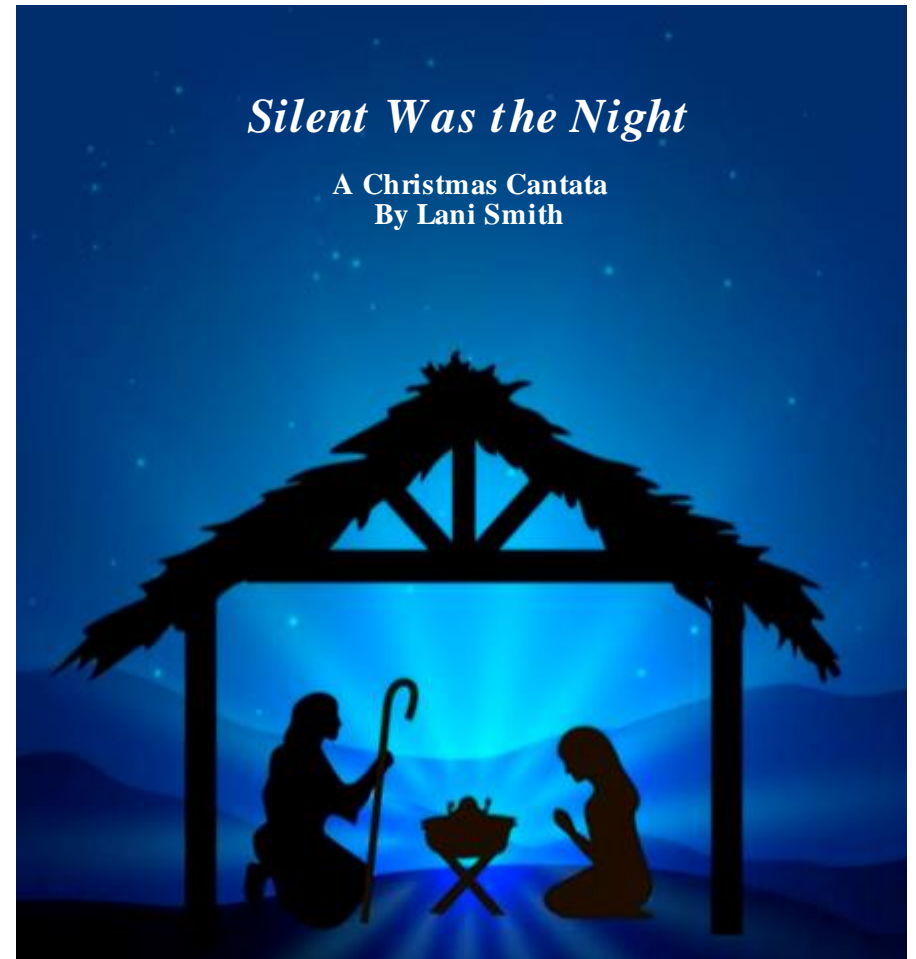
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

COMING SOON



*Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
Merry Christmas!!*

One Worship Service on Sunday, December 30th, at 10:15a.m.



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FIRST READING
PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SECOND READING
LUKE 3: 10-20

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

“Born That We May Have Life”

No reputation, no stately bearing,
no palace bed for royalty;
but a star in the heavens, a sign full of wonder
announcing the coming of the King of Kings.

**Rejoice, O World, your Savior has come,
through the love of a virgin’s womb.
Son of God, Son of Man, born that we may have life.
You were born that we may have life.**

A throne in a manger, a cross in a cradle,
the hidden revealing this glorious plan
of the Child who would suffer,
the Child who would conquer
the sin of every woman, the sin of every man.

**CHORUS x3
You were born that we may have life.**

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

**Joy__ unspeakable joy! An overflowing well; no tongue
can tell.
Joy__ unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, ____ never
lets me go.**

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love!