



Christmas Eve

Second Presbyterian Church · December 24, 2024 · 4:00 p.m.

Prelude: Christmas Carol Medley arr. Fred Bock

Welcome.....Philip James

Lighting of the Christ Candle Walt, Betsy, Hunter, Graham, and Hutch Wepfer

Call to Worship

✦Angels, We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth.**

✦First Gospel Lesson Luke 2:8-14
(page 857 in pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

✦The First Noel

**The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.**

Greetings and Announcements

A Word to the Children Sarah Logan Song

✦ Away in a Manger

**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.**

**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.**

Homily: Christmas Is About Grace, *II Corinthians 8:9* Brad Morrow

Prayer of Commitment

✦ Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.**

✦ Benediction Barton Kimbro

✦ Postlude: Angels from the Realms of Glory arr. John Innes

✦ Indicates standing License #252778

*Song Leaders: Ethan, Grace, Mary, Joshua, and Philip Knight;
Will, Nora, and Abigail Nease; and Lawrence and Lila Jensen
Kathy Priestley, organ*

December 29 Worship & Fellowship Schedule

On Sunday, we will meet for worship at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
All are invited to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for coffee and
fellowship between the morning services. We will not meet for Sunday School
or Sunday Night Worship. Merry Christmas!

