

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

*Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.*

PRELUDE

*We Three Kings*

Carolyn Hamlin  
(b.1957)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Casto-Waters

On the cusp of a new year, we seek God's radiant glory to break the bonds of darkness that clutch at the hearts of this broken world, and God answers us with the light of Christ;

**We lift our eyes and see that we are called to the brightness of God's new dawn;**

Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice at the sight of God's in-breaking Kingdom;

**In Christ, an everlasting light shines, and through Christ, the gates of Heaven are opened to the faithful.**

Darkness shall rule no more, for in Christ our Savior has come!

**Let us worship the Lord with hope for the future and trust in his name!**

\*HYMN 151

*We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

(Sing the refrain only after verse 5)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boyd Lien

God of Glory, there are times when we must admit it all seems a bit far-fetched, this miraculous love you give to us in Christ. Why do you love us so much? we ask, perplexed, since we don't always love one another. Although, in our better moments, we at least make an attempt; and yet you came into our world—as messy and dirty and ugly as it often is—and you gave us a clear and shining light, and a clean heart, and robes of white washed in Christ's blood, so that we may stand before you unstained. Help us to believe this love is possible with all our hearts, minds, and souls, and forgive us when our imagination is too small to contain your glory.

\*SILENT PRAYER

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON<sup>2</sup>

Through Christ we are reconciled to the Father, although we once lived estranged from God, with thoughts and actions opposed to God's will. But Christ offered himself for judgement in our place in order to present us holy and blameless before the Lord. So, continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, for in Jesus Christ we have received new lives. Hear the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are freed and forgiven! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Brightest and Best*

Robert Hobby  
(b. 1962)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Joy Maple

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Bennett Yort

Jieqiong (Rachel) Ren, Mo (Dennis) Shen, and Patricia Shen

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jieqiong (Rachel), Mo (Dennis) Shen, and Patricia Shen  
Elizabeth (Liz) and Bruce Lindsay  
Susan (Sue) Paulsen  
Teresa Waters

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

COMMUNION<sup>3</sup>

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 our thanks and praise.**

...acclaiming your power in goodness and might in compassion, as we sing:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

...great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

...we pray these things trusting in God's faithfulness revealed:

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

\*HYMN 744

*Arise Your Light Has Come*

FESTAL SONG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen*

POSTLUDE

*The First Noel*

Mary MacDonald  
(b. 1957)

\*All who are able please stand

**Flowers**—Please contact Mrs. Dianne Brown (706-799-8501) if you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services.

**Music**—Music is reprinted by permission through OneLicense.net #A-721337

**Communion**—Allergy friendly elements available at the door.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>2</sup> Based on Colossians 1:19-23

<sup>3</sup> Excerpted from liturgy written by Bill Loader

# Participating in Worship



## *Preacher*

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

## *Worship Leaders*

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Rev. Boyd Lien

Ms. Joy Maple

## *Musicians*

Mr. S.C. Toe

Dr. Wayne Lord

Chancel Choir

## *Acolyte*

Graeme Slater

## *Friendship Pad Pick-up*

Annette Kennedy

## *Ushers*

Marshall Brown

Catharine Lemmon

Harry Revell

Marc Wilson

Monty Carlton

## STAFF

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, **Pastor, ext. 303**

Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, **Associate Pastor, ext. 301**

Reverend Boyd Lien, **Parish Associate, ext. 314**

Mr. S.C. Toe, **Director of Music, ext. 315**

Dr. Wayne Lord, **Organist/Associate Director of Music, ext. 310**

Mrs. Jenny Davison, **Children's Music Assistant**

Ms. Joy Maple, **Director of Christian Education, ext. 305**

Miss Rebekah Mayfield, **Director of Children and Youth, ext. 304**

Miss Makenzie Landrum, **Nursery Coordinator**

Mrs. Anna Sanders, **Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool, ext. 309**

Mrs. Dawn McCraith, **Director of Operations, ext. 302**

Mrs. Becky Godbee, **Communications Liaison, ext. 300**

Mrs. Jenn Harrison, **Financial Assistant, ext. 307**

Mr. Leonard Jones, **Facilities Manager**

Ms. Helen Moss, **Custodian**

Mr. Adonis Wiles, **Custodian**

## SESSION (ELDERS)

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

### Class of 2023

Mandy Boland  
Pam Snowdy  
Gary Loyd  
Shawntel Parker  
Paul Rosenzweig  
Bennett Yort

### Class of 2024

Scott Allen  
Julia Kay  
Mary Lewis  
Scott Monnig  
Max Vallotton  
Leila Stallworth

### Class of 2025

Bill Davison  
Jennifer Frantom  
David Freeman  
Jean McKnight  
Amanda Mills  
Richard Morgan



## ACTIVE STEPHEN LEADERS

Myra Naglich  
Mandy Boland  
Jones Miller

## ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS

Jamie Driver      Indee Few  
Becky Godbee      Holly Harbin  
Joy Maple      Kathryn McLeod  
Barbara Miller      Ann Overstreet  
Sonny Reece      Clay Stallworth  
Carol Turner      Jenn Wilson

## BOARD OF DEACONS

John Franklin, Moderator

### Class of 2023

Trex Bolick  
Dick Carr  
John Franklin  
Catharine Lemmon  
Nancy McCord  
Harriet Monnig  
Jenn Wilson  
Carl Young

### Class of 2024

Lisa Curley  
Annette Kennedy  
Mary Linda Lamar  
George McCall  
Bobby McRae  
Charlene Sizemore  
Ross Tudor  
Holly Harper Welsh

### Class of 2025

Linda Boyd  
Hubert Cooke  
Judy Brigham  
Jan Markle  
Carla Owen  
Gail Owens  
Harry Snowdy



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