

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS



CHILDREN LEAD WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22 | 10:30am

SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Away In a Manger

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Elle, Benton, Millie, Rev, & Lake Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph:

The Messiah is coming.

Not greeted by priests and kings, but by lowly shepherds:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

The Messiah is coming.

*CAROL 123

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hayes Usry

Glorious, mysterious, ever-surprising Lord, we stand on the edge of incarnation. We hold our breath with shepherds and angels, Mary and Joseph. We breathe in the scent of evergreen and night sky. Our hearts should be beating with anticipation, our minds should be astounded, our souls should be shivering with delight, yet we may find ourselves strangely unmoved, unimpressed by this night of nights, this birth of Love. Help us, Lord, to remember the imprint you left upon us from the beginning. Help us dwell in your glory and abide in peace and delight, knowing that your Son was born; knowing that we have been saved by his grace. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jesus Christ, the light of the world, binds up the broken-hearted, heals our weaknesses, and frees us to new life in him. We know we have sinned, but the greater truth is that in Christ, we are forgiven.

Arise, shine; for his light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon the weary world. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

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***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.***

ANTHEM

How far is it to Bethlehem?

David W. Music

(b. 1949)

*How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable-room lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is he within? If we lift the wooden latch may we go in?*

*May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass, or sheep? May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?*

*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 to heaven to live with thee there.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Boyd Lien

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

IN DULCI JUBILO

***Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this! He had opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

*CAROL 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

The ABC's of Christmas

CAROL 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above. While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

CAROL 147

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel 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. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, 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. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

CAROL 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" "Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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.

CAROL 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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 to the earth, 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, wonders of his love.

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a far,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light!*

*CAROL 136

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Dr. Casto-Waters

May we be filled with the wonder of Mary,
The obedience of Joseph,
The joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the Shepherds,
The determination of the magi,
And the peace of the Christ Child.
May God bless us all now and forever. Merry Christmas!
Merry Christmas!

*All who are able please stand

Participating in Worship

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Dr. Wayne Lord

Rev. Boyd Lien
Ms. Joy Maple
Hayes Usry

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
Miss. Makenzie Landrum

Children's Choir

Director: Dr. Wayne Lord / Assistant: Mrs. Heather Howington and Ms. Marynell Crawford

Hadley Allgood
Henry Revell

Mac Carlton
Hamp Sanders

Charles Frantom
Lewis Sanders

Hart Markwalter
Martha Taite Sasnett

Jack Mills

Angel Choir

Director: Mrs. Jenny Davison / Assistant: Miss Delia Lindsay

Forrest Allgood
Audrey Mills
Bryar Smith

Austin Barnett
Letty Revell
Finn Usry

Lou Carlton
Eloise Robbins
Nathan Usry

Annalee Johns
Henry Robbins
Ollie Usry

Millie Johnson
Mae Sasnett
Wyatt Wells

Acolyte

Henry Revell

Friendship Pad

Max Vallotton

Ushers

William Salley
Phil Lee
JohnClark Cook

Trey Few
Tripp Wilson
Paul Rosenzweig

