



December 29, 2024  
10:30am

A FESTIVAL OF  

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**LESSONS**  
*and Carols*

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

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SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

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

PRELUDE

Mr. Hank Monnig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together as the family of God to celebrate the festival of Christmas. This morning we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

**We pray that we may be renewed to fulfil Christ's work in this world.**

We pray for the world, which is already Christ's, that those who bear responsibility for its future, in politics, in industry, in commerce, in education, and in communication, may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom, and peace everywhere.

**We pray for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.**

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us,

**Our Father...**

\*HYMN 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

**First Lesson** **God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.** GENESIS xxii

\*HYMN 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
(Sing verses 1, 5, 6, and 7)

**Second Lesson** **Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.** ISAIAH ix

\*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

**Third Lesson** **The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.** MICAH v

HYMN 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS  
(Remain seated)

Children are invited to remain in Worship or meet at the front right door to depart for Children's Church.

**Fourth Lesson** **Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.** LUKE ii

\*HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

**Fifth Lesson** **The shepherds go to the manger.** LUKE ii

HYMN 115 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER  
(Remain seated)

**Sixth Lesson** **The wise men follow the star to Jesus.** MATTHEW ii

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Boyd Lien

OFFERTORY

*Once in Royal David's City*

Thomas Keesecker

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

*As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy.  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly King.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Seventh Lesson**

**John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.**

**JOHN i**

\*HYMN 133

*O, Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us. We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child. We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth, and inspiring our living. We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection. And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

\*HYMN 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

May the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child, be God's gift to us and to all people, this Christmas and always.

**Amen.**

My friends, let us love one another, for love is of God.

**And whoever loves is born of God and knows God.**

Whoever does not love, does not know God.

**For God is love.**

In this was the love of God made manifest among us.

**That God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.**

In this is love, not that we loved God,

**But that he loved us.**

My friends, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*All who are able please stand

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<sup>1</sup> written by Nathan Nettleton

# Participating in Worship



## **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran  
Rev. Boyd Lien  
Ms. Joy Maple

## **Musicians**

Dr. Wayne Lord  
Mr. Hank Monnig  
Chancel Choir

## **Friendship Pad Pick-up**

Nancy McCord

## **Ushers**

Reab Berry	William Harper
Richard Welsh	Brannon Sell
Harrison Harper	Reab Berry, Jr
Michael Harper	Harry Welsh
Bert Gary	

## **STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, **Pastor, ext. 303**  
 Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, **Associate Pastor, ext. 301**  
 Reverend Boyd Lien, **Parish Associate, ext. 314**  
 Dr. Wayne Lord, **Organist/Choirmaster, ext. 315**  
 Mrs. Jenny Davison, **Children's Music Assistant**  
 Ms. Joy Maple, **Director of Christian Education, ext. 305**  
 Miss Makenzie Landrum, **Interim 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**  
 Ms. Ramona Ballard, **Custodian**  
 Mr. Tyler Cashin, **Audio/Visual Technician**

## **SESSION (ELDERS)**

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

### **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

### **Class of 2026**

Shell Berry  
Indee Few  
John Franklin  
Seth Harbin  
Jed Howington  
Cheryl Wilson



## **ACTIVE STEPHEN LEADERS**

Myra Naglich	Text Myra for confidential inquiry / support: 706-631-0879
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**

Ross Tudor Moderator

### **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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Jamie Driver  
Jerry Howington  
Sumner Markwalter  
Jones Miller  
Mary-Meghan Olmo  
Brannon Sell  
Sandra Wade  
Susan Wilson



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