

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

December 25, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*Therefore we ask only for this one gift: Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ!*

—Emmy Arnold

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: He came in a lowly stable.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Shepherds brought their worship.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Angels sang their gifts.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Magi brought their gifts.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: What shall we do?

**All: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELE

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!**

*Refrain:*

***O come, let us adore him;***

***O come, let us adore him;***

***O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON | Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord, came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin. He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin. With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came to love us, let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father, you give us the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, loving Father, for the casual way we treat your gift of love. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. Amen.**

*A moment for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you,.

**All: And also with you.**

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 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 world, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as far as the curse is found.**

**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 wonder, wonders of his love.**

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please mark your presence by signing the friendship pad and greet those seated near you as you pass it along.*

BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES | Happy Birthday Jesus!

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. .**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Lila Bess Vargas

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion at First Presbyterian Church is offered to all baptized Christians and will be served today by intinction. Come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive both elements together. The cup is juice and the bread is gluten-free.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
GO TELL IT

*Refrain:*

***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.***

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*  
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