



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
December 9, 2018



Prelude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Adam Ravain
arr. Rod Gorby

Christian Greetings and Announcements Brad Clayton
(Please take a moment to sign the fellowship pad and pass back to the center aisle.)

Opening Prayer Carter Wilson

*Processional Hymn No. 133: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* All

**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!**

**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin a mortal He comes;
Very God, begotten, not created! (Refrain)**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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 given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Gooding Family

Response: *Wait for the Lord* (hymn no. 90)

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!
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Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

(After the children's time, children are invited to return to worship with their families. Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment. The nursery is open in Room 106.)

Anthem

Rin, Rin, Chin
Arr. Sondra Tucker

Faith Ringers



First Lesson: John 1:1-5

Chris Kinsley, Reader

In the beginning was the Word.

Hymn of Creation by Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

Tallahassee Brass Quintet

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where-e'er I turn my eyes!
If I survey the ground I tread, our gaze, on the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arrive and tempests blow by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou God art present there.

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And everywhere that man can be, Thou God art present there.

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

Anita Parish, Reader

*God promises to faithful Abraham the nations
of the earth shall call his offspring blessed.*

*Hymn No. 143: *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

All

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Away in a Manger

Cherub Choir

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Claire Timm, Reader

*Christ's birth and the kingdom are foretold
by Isaiah.*

Shout for Joy, Ye People by Victor C. Johnston

Chancel Choir
Corinne Stillwell, violin

Shout for joy, ye people of Zion. See, a King comes unto you.
Shout for joy, ye people of Zion, Come rejoicing, for the Lord is coming soon!

The deserts all break forth as spring, the rivers splash in praise.
The forests all rejoice and sing: all creation celebrates the day.

Shout for joy, ye people of Zion. See, a King comes unto you.
Shout for joy, ye people of Zion, Come rejoicing, for the Lord is coming soon!

The lame will dance and the blind will see, the deaf will hear and the silent speak.
And the glory of the lord, will be revealed.

Shout for joy, ye people of Zion. See, a King comes unto you.
Shout for joy, ye people of Zion, Come rejoicing, for the Lord is coming soon!

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:5-17

Becky Roche, Reader

The birth of John the Baptist foretold.

Come, Emmanuel, Come Arr. Jay Rouse

Chancel Choir
Corinne Stillwell, violin

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O Come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight!

O Come desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-33, 38

MaryAnne Terrell, Reader

*The angel Gabriel salutes the
blessed Virgin Mary.*

*Hymn No. 119: "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

All

**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 the angelic host 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

The Little Drummer Boy

Fantastichoir

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Karin Marsh, Reader

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Be Born in Me arr. Roderick Gorby

Chancel Choir
Holly Pursino, soprano solo
Corrine Stillwell, violin

Everything inside me cries for order.
Everything inside me wants to hide.
Is this shadow an angel or a warrior?
If God is pleased with me, why am I so terrified?
Someone tell me I am only dreaming.
Somehow help me see with Heaven's eyes.
And before my head agrees, my heart is on it's knees.
Holy is He. Blessed am I.

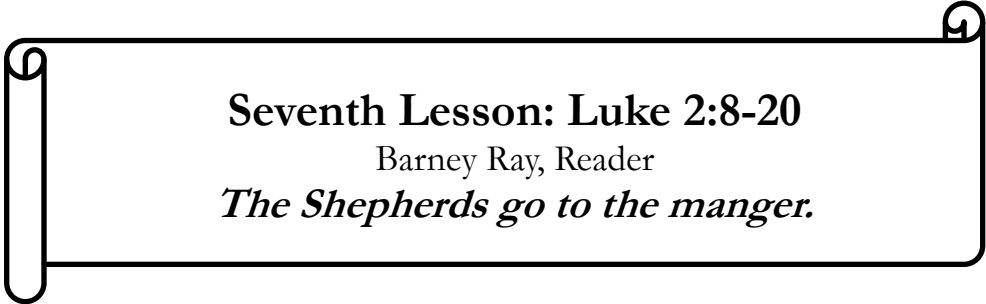
Be born in me, be born in me.
Trembling heart, somehow I believe that You choose me.
I'll hold you in the beginning, You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle, make my heart your Bethlehem.
Be born in me.

All this time we've waited for the promise.
All this time You've waited for my arms.
Did You wrap Yourself inside the unexpected
So we might know that Love would go that far?

Be born in me, be born in me.
Trembling heart, somehow I believe that You chose me.
I'll hold You in the beginning, You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle, make my heart your Bethlehem.
Be born in me.

I am not brave; I'll never be.
The only thing my heart can offer is a vacancy.
I'm just a girl, nothing more.
But I am willing, I am Yours.

Be born in me, be born in me.
I'll hold you in the beginning, You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle, make my heart your Bethlehem.
Be born in me.



Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20
Barney Ray, Reader
The Shepherds go to the manger.

Go Where I Send Thee arr. Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir
Kimani Patterson, soloist

Children, go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee one by one. One for the little bitty baby.
He was born! Born! Born in Bethlehem.

I'm gonna send thee one by one. One for the little bitty baby.
Two for Paul and Silas. Three for the Hebrew children.
He was born! Born! Born in Bethlehem.

Four came knockin' at the door. Somebody's knockin' at the door!
Four was the four that came knockin' at the door.
Oh sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Oh, I shall send thee.
I shall send thee five by five. Five for the Gospel preachers.
Oh, I shall send thee.
I shall send thee six by six. Six was the six that couldn't get fixed.

Seven went up to heaven. Eight was the eight that stood at the gate.
Nine was the nine that got left behind!
Ten by ten 'cause ten was the ten commandments.

Go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
He was born! Born! Born in Bethlehem.

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

Jim Parry, Reader

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Offering *Today's special offering will go toward the development of the music ministry at Faith. Please use the special envelopes for this offering only. Regular budget offerings may be made without the special envelopes.*

Offertory

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Howard Cable

Chancel Choir
Tallahassee Brass Quintet

Ding dong merrily on high, in the bells are gaily ringing:
Ding dong! Happily reply, the angels all are singing.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Ding dong, carol all the bells, wait not now do not tarry.
Ring out, sound the good noel the baby born of Mary.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Hark now, happily we sing, and join the angels singing.
Ding dong, sound the steeple bell, for joyous news we are bringing.
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

Sylvia Fleishman, Reader

*John unfolds the great mystery of
the incarnation.*

**“Joy to the World!”*

All

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 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 wonders, wonders of His love.

Prayer for Advent
Bettie Jane Grant, Reader

**Hallelujah* from *The Messiah* by G.F. Handel

Choir/Congregation

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah!

**The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah!**

*BENEDICTION

Brad Clayton

(Please remain seated for the playing of the postlude)

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

Tallahassee Brass Quintet



A special thank you to:
Susie Clemons, Leslie Gallagher, Michael Mello,
Kimani Patterson, Holly Pursino, Adam Ravain,
Corinne Stillwell, and the
Tallahassee Brass Quintet.



Poinsettia Orders. If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the order forms available in the brochure rack in the back, the church office, or online at faithpcusa.org/resources. Deadline to order is today!

Please Adopt an Angel. There are still many angels on the Angel Tree in the church lobby and in the hallway by the choir door. Please stop by and pick one or more up so that you can help meet the needs of 23 economically challenged families in our community. Be sure to sign them out and then have fun shopping for someone who is truly in need this Christmas. Please bring the gifts back wrapped and with the angel on it by the **new deadline of Sunday, December 16.** There is still a need for used furniture for families who have lost everything in the hurricane.

Wednesday Night Alive. Join us for dinner at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for the last Wednesday Night Alive for 2018. This week's menu: chili, cornbread, mixed green salad, brownies. There are programs for children and youth beginning at 5:30 p.m., and adults at 6 p.m.

Taize: A Service of Light in the Darkness. Please join us for our Taize Prayer Service on Friday, **December 14**, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary, as we worship Jesus Christ and remember those saints who have passed away. December is the darkest month of the year, and for many it can be a sad time because they have lost loved ones and they are carrying difficult burdens. Through music, prayers, and silence we will worship together with hope. During the service you will have an opportunity to light a candle as a reminder that the light of Jesus Christ will never be overcome. All are welcome!

A Christmas Carol. We are excited to present an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at Faith on **December 20 and 21** at 7 p.m. and **December 22** at both 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This year, performances will be staged "in the round" which means that all of the action will take place in the center of the room providing every seat with a great view and offers a fully immersive experience as the cast of sixty plus carolers surround the audience with carol singing and holiday cheer. For a full description of the show and/or to select and purchase tickets, please visit www.faithpcusa.org/achristmascarol.

Christmas at Faith.

Sunday, December 23, 9:30 a.m. Christmas Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, with singing of Christmas carols..

Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Family Service. Children are invited to select a costume as they enter the sanctuary to participate in the Christmas story.

Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Communion Service.

December 24 - January 1. Church Office Closed.

Sunday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$1,160,066
Received YTD: \$1,065,287
Spent YTD: \$1,062,089



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