



Madonna and Child, oil on canvas
Jason Jenicke, American

Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

Faith Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining us this Christmas Eve. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Prelude *Choral Prelude on "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Albert Schmutz
(1888-1975)

God Bless Us, Everyone

Mike Shirey

Mike Shirey, vocals and guitar
see page 7

***Call to Worship**

Mozella Williams

One: In the beginning, God spoke, saying:

All: Let there be light.

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the word was God. Then, in the fullness of time, the Word came and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

All: Let there be light.

One: On this night, we celebrate the birth of the One who is the light of the world.

All: Let there be light.

One: We are here seeking a little light by which to see, by which to live, by which we can love.

All: Let there be light!

Carol 140 *Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, giver of all good gifts, you offer us new life through the birth of the babe in Bethlehem. But we confess that we have settled for a small Christmas, hiding the miracle of the incarnation in tinsel and twinkle lights. Help us receive the gift of your Word made flesh, and to share his light and life with the world. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

verse 4

*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!*

Assurance of Grace

Refrain

Glo - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

- - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Trapp and Burd Families

The congregation responds...

We have prepared with hope, joy, and love; we have lit candles and prayed. We celebrate that Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all people!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
 You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
 For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Music *What Child Is This? with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Mary McDonald

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Goodrich

***Carol 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



Offertory *O Holy Night*

Kendrick Lee, tenor

Alphonse Adam
(1803-1856)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*The prayer continues, concluding with*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

When the bread is broken, please break the bread you have at home. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

*Prayer after Communion

God of wonder: you surprised us with love, bridging heaven and earth by coming to us in the Christ child. Now our eyes have seen the joy his birth makes possible in the warmth of this community; our ears have heard the angel choir sing; and our souls and bodies have been fed by the Word of life. Grant that we may grasp the truth and live it, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and the world which he so loves. Amen!

***Carol 122** *Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

***Charge & Benediction**

***Carol 134** *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Postlude *Festive Postlude on "We Wish you a Merry Christmas"*

Dan Miller

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mozella Williams, *Liturgist*
Debra Colmers, *Soloist*
Kendrick Lee, *Soloist*
Mike Shirey, *Guitar and Vocals*
Kristen Herber, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! The Bible Study will not meet on December 29 and will gather only on Zoom on Wednesday in January.

WELCOMING VISITORS TO FAITH CHURCH

Sunday Worship at Faith – We worship each Sunday at 10:45 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Please plan to join us! During January, worship will be **exclusively on Zoom** to maintain the health and safety of our congregation.

Visitors are welcome at Faith – we are a community that seeks, stands, and serves together. If you would like to learn more about how to join us in that ministry by becoming a member of our congregation, email the pastor Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org

Prayground – children are welcome at Faith! At the front of the sanctuary, there is a *Prayground* for younger ones. There you will find books, coloring pages, children's bulletins, and other quiet activities to keep small hands busy during worship.

Restroom – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.

God Bless Us Everyone
by Mike Shirey

It's not so much about the winter
It's more about the water
The Flood abates
Her water breaks
Covenants the Creator makes
With me with you
For all our sakes

It's the promise of the rainbow
And Love's redeeming son
Threads through the strand of time
God bless us everyone

There's something in the giving
So much more that we receive
The fruits of expectation
No more devastation
Diluvial Father
The Son of Salvation
An open table
No more separation

It's the promise of the rainbow
And Love's redeeming son
Threads through the strand of time
God bless is everyone
God with us everyone
God loves us Every One

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Christmas Flowers

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Loved Ones
Paula Burger	In Memory of Ann & Ernest Phillips; Fannie & Willard Burger
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of Our Beloved Grandparents Deb's Dear Brother, Kelly Paul Richard Paul, Rudi & Rosmarie Colmers
The Herber Family Susan & Lew Johnston Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of James P. Herber In Memory of Esther & Roy Meyers; Elvira & Al Carle
Robin & Neil Nemser	In Celebration of Our Children and Grandchildren;
Laurie Newton	In memory of Her Mother, Sue Hudson; Her Good Friend, Gail Johnston
The Pope Family	In Memory of Mildred H. Humphrey; John M. Humphrey, III
Ron & Judy Sperling	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Children & Grandchildren
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan Groff Johnston

The Dear Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones
Doris Cowan	In Memory of Ward Cowan
Bill & Mary Ellen Curtis	In Memory of June Rowe
Susan & Lew Johnston	
David & Karen Meyers	In Memory of Nancy Beverly
Larry & Deborah Schmelz	In Memory of Eugene & Nancy Schmelz; Nancy Cassell; John Schmelz; Timothy Wright; Nancy Wallace; Roger Hockett II; Lambert Lauro; Michael Linardi; Jack Burke Jr.
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan Groff Johnston
Audrey & John Trapp	In Memory of Our Loved Ones
Sharon Will	In Memory of Anna, Edwin and David Will

The Bread Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration Loved Ones
Rev. Dr. Donald Boardman	In Memory Carol Page Preston Boardman
Paula Burger	In Celebration of Cat Dodson Goodrich; Diane Borgatti
Doris Cowan	
Susan & Lew Johnston	
Sandra McWhirter	In Memory of Richard & Juanita Stone; Fannie & Albert Stone In Celebration of Gregory & Moira Stone; Stephen Stone & Brenda Gilio; Bonnie & James Fischer; Rebecca Girvin; Ellen & Ricky Hearn; Richard & Cindi Stone; Samuel McClung; David & Mary McClung; Her Nieces and Nephews
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Evelyn Currie
The Pope Family	In Memory of Aaron Weinman
Gail Poorbaugh	In Memory of Bettie Chandler
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan Groff Johnston

Music Fund

Kay Ballard	In Memory of Lawrence & Marie Frey
Jackie Billings	In Celebration of Cathy Billings
Paula Burger	In Celebration of Samuel Springer
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of Randy Woodfield; George Jenkins
Doris Cowan	In Memory of Randy Woodfield In Celebration of Samuel Springer
Susan & Lew Johnston	
Sandra McWhirter	In Memory of Odessa & Elmer Stone In Celebration of Elizabeth Lane Candance & Eric Davis
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Randy Woodfield In Celebration of Margaret Budd
The Pope Family	In Memory of Jacko Humphrey
Gail Poorbaugh	In Memory of Warren E. Chandler, Jr.; William E. Poorbaugh, II
Theodore Wallace	In Memory of Evelyn Wallace; Alvin Wallace