

First Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-21 Pew Bible Page #889

Anthem *“He Comes, Noel”* Douglas Wagner

Second Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-13 Pew Bible Page #1020

Sermon *“This Present Darkness”* Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn *“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”* Page #168

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Page #14

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.

*Hymn *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”* Page #164
[Please pass the candle light to your neighbor.]

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn *“Angels We Have Heard On High”* Page #152

*Benediction

Postlude *“Angels We Have Heard On High”* David Cherwien



The staff of First Presbyterian Church wishes you a very merry Christmas and many blessings in the new year!

The First Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve



Service

Friday, December 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

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Prelude "O Come All Ye Faithful" Gordon Young

Welcome Pastor Scott Cress

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2-7

Invocation

***Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Page #173

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Leader: Worship the LORD in holy array; tremble before Him, all the earth!

People: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yea, the world is established, it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy

Leader: before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Cress Family

"We Light Now the Candle"

(Tune of "Away in a Manger" page 147)

We light now the candle, the Christ Candle shines:

Emmanuel, God with us, Savior Divine.

Our joy overflowing for Jesus is here:

Our Lord and Redeemer, the Christ Child so dear.

Prayer of Confession: From Hymnal #457

(unison)

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess in Your presence the sinfulness of our nature, and our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)*

....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri**

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