

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

PRELUDE

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Silent Night*

Colton Thames, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Hogon

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pam George & Karen Ingram

Voice One: We have enjoyed lighting the candles of our Advent wreath throughout the worship services of the season. The candles have reminded us of important words of our faith: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. And now on Christmas Day, the lighting of the wreath again calls us to worship.

Voice Two: Come, all you who are faithful, and worship the living God. This morning we light the Christ candle. Because of the birth of Jesus to Mary a long time ago in Bethlehem, life is now full of promise for you and for me. We celebrate today the presence of God's redeeming love as our eternal hope. Let us sing praise to Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Merry Christmas to all!

HYMNS

The congregation will sing the first and last verse of all hymns

132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
145 *What Child Is This*
115 *Away in a Manger*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Madison White

(Pew Bible, pg. 58, New Testament)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

MEDITATION:

Christmas Day In the Morning

Rev. Bob Brearley

HYMNS

113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *The Wexford Carol*

*Song of Dedication 144 (V. 4) *In the Bleak Midwinter*

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a Lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: Give my Heart.

*Offertory Prayer

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

*Please stand as you are able

We thank John Michael Osteen and Denise Lynch for leading our carol singing this morning.