

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Sussex Carol with Gesu Bambino" Mary McDonald

On Christmas night all Christians sing.

To hear the news the angels bring,

News of great joy, news of great mirth,

News of our merciful King's birth.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Congregational Call to Worship

"While We Are Waiting, Come" Cason, 1986

While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

*"The star is the way, and the way is Christ. He is a blazing and a morning-star."
Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (374-397 A.D.)*

Opening Sentences

Elder Joyce Ange

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

All: The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

All: Take the journey that leads to the child.

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

All: We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.

Lighting the Third Advent Candle: JOY

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice; we not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising."
Matthew 2:2*

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

All: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine your

“And there,
ahead of them,
went the star that
they had seen at
its rising, until it
stopped over the
place where the
child was.”
Matthew 2:9



before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Father in heaven.”

Leader: Hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Glory to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.



New Star

CAST

New Star - Hannah Floyd
Old Star - Greg Maready
Mary – Savannah Kate Stevens
Joseph – Ken Floyd
Gabriel – Lane Philip Rouse
Elizabeth – Kate Hall
King 1 – Henry Stevens
King 2 – Hollis Skidmore
King 3 – John Ward Farris
Caesar – Jude Whitfield
Harrod – Pearson Johnson
Scribe – Harper Jane Ludlum

ANGELS

Isla Blanton
Adlyn Casteen
Clara Casteen
Callie Jane Cottle
Sadie Floyd
Hattie B. Farris
Kate Hall
Elliana Johnson
Mary Camron Matthews
Emory Landon Patram

SHEPHERDS

Cooper Hall
Jack Newton
Ellison Patram
Emerson Patram

YOUTH HELPERS

Advent Candle – Miller Ludlum
Scenery Changes:
Hayes Skidmore
Fisher Blanton
JJ Rouse
Backstage Supervisor -Windsor Farris

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Jennifer Johnson Bailey Riley
Kristin Cottle Casey Hall
Mary Laine Rouse Lindsay Skidmore

MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem
#121, verse 1
New Star (youth)
Angels We Have Heard on High
#113, verses 1 & 3
We Three Kings of Orient Are
#151, verses 1, 2, 3, & 4
We Wish You a Merry Christmas



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*"God's bright star,
o'er his head,
wise men three to
him led; kneel
they low by his
bed, lay their gifts
before him,
praise him and
adore him."*

*Hymn #141, "On
This Day Earth
Shall Ring," in
Glory to God: The
Presbyterian
Hymnal*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"The Wexford Carol"

Mark Hayes

*Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done,
In sending his beloved son.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's 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.**

*Hymn #115

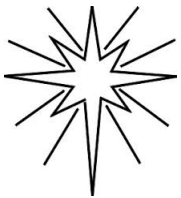
"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*



*"O star of wonder,
star of night, star
with royal beauty
bright, westward
leading, still
proceeding, guide
us to thy
perfect light."
Hymn #151, "We
Three Kings of
Orient Are," in
Glory to God: The
Presbyterian
Hymnal*





WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Today
December 11**

Nursery
12/11:
12/11: Casey & Clayton Hall

USHERS
Joyce Ange
Charley Fariior
Hayes Ludlum

**Opening
Church
Building**
December
1-15:
Hayes Ludlum
**Children's
Church**
12/11:
No Children's
Church
Christmas Play

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

Check Tree
in Fellowship
Hall for tags
with Family
name &
wishes.
See
December
Newsletter
for complete
details.

Sunday, December 11

9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Worship in person & livestream-Children's Christmas Program

12:00-2:00 pm Children's Fellowship Trip to Cinderella Farm

Monday, December 12 No Monday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, December 14 No Wednesday Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Practice

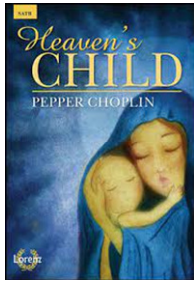
Thursday, December 15 12:05 pm Advent Worship Service & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **There will be** no Monday night or Wednesday morning Bible Study this week.
- * **Our third and final** Advent worship service and luncheon will be Thursday, December 15 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Wallace Police Chief Jimmy Crayton. Music: Marisol Snell, soprano.
- * **Please pick up** your 2023 Offering Envelopes at the front of the sanctuary on your way out after worship.

Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Joey and Rita Brinkley in loving memory of Michael Sloan and Ben Brinkley; and in honor of grandson Owen Sloan's birthday.



**Chancel Choir
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 18
"Heaven's Child"
by Pepper Choplin**



**We will celebrate the
Sacrament of
the Lord's Supper
on Christmas Eve,
Saturday, December 24
at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome
at the table.**

*Christmas Eve
Communion*



**2022
CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
Sunday, December 18**

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.