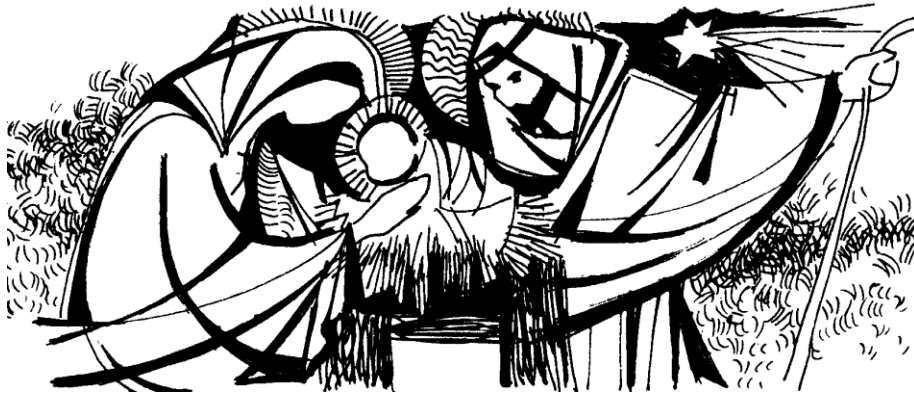


FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN:
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER:
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

*Wonderful Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*
ISAIAH 9:6



First Presbyterian Church of North East

December 25, 2025, 10:30 AM | Christmas Morning

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music | Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 98

*** CAROL** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#28

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath opened Heaven's door and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Now ye need not fear the grave. Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you on and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

EPISTLE LESSON

Titus 3:4-7

PRAYER

**O Immanuel,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Lord of might,
O Branch of Jesse's stem,
O Key of David,
O Bright and Morning Star,
O King of nations,**

We rejoice and are glad on this bright Christmas morning, for truly you have come, full of grace and truth. Even now, come into our hearts again. Show us the path of knowledge. Comfort us in our mourning. Save us from our sin. Open wide our way to heaven. Turn our darkness into light. End our sad divisions and be our King of peace, so that every creature in heaven and on earth will join in a chorus of praise, and shout with joy to you, our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-14

*** CAROL** “Joy to the World”

#40

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King! Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing. And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

MESSAGE “Heaven Opened: The Coming of Glory – Silence Before Glory”

*** CAROL** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” #31

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 hosts 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 Sun 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

CAROL OF THANKSGIVING “O Come All Ye Faithful” #41

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. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet Thee born this happy morning. Jesus to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. O sing all ye bright Hosts of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please eat the bread and then drink the cup.)
Prayer

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Heidelberg Confession” (Q&A’s 35-36)

Leader: What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary?

Congregation: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, and truly human nature so

that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Leader: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

Congregation: He is our mediator and, in God’s sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** CAROL**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

#29

Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere!

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night.

Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere!

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth.

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.

Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere!

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born.

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere!

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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