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Sunday, January 2, 2022

First Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

I Wonder As I Wander

January 2, 2022

2nd Sunday of Christmas

* WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated for a time of silent meditation as we prepare to worship God. The wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional. NOTE: This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Livingston, Jr .

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us

People: And we have seen his glory.

Leader: True light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.

All: Glory to God forever.

*OPENING HYMN #40 "Joy to the World!"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: Luke 2:9-16 Barb Daugherty

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

People: Thanks be to God!

- 1 I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**
- 2 When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.**
- 3 If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.**
- 4 I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

PULPIT SUPPLY: Jan. 09: Francis Womack
Jan. 16: Elliott Grow
Jan. 23: Pressley Cox
Jan. 30: Lindsay Small

FELLOWSHIP STATION: If you would like to contribute refreshments one Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT: Please note that the seating has been changed. Those who wish to Social Distance will sit on the right side (window side) of the Sanctuary; those who don't wish to Social Distance may sit on the left (wall side). Further changes will be forthcoming as we incorporate the Pray Ground into the Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Due to the changes to our worship service because of the pandemic, we are asking those who have served in the past as ushers and liturgists, to sign up for Sundays for the rest of this year. Sign-up sheets are located on the back table, along with the sign-up sheet for flowers. **We need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.**

100TH ANNIVERSARY: The 100th Anniversary Team is asking the congregation for ideas for a theme for the 100th Anniversary and for suggestions for special activities and events to celebrate in 2022. We would also like to ask for any photos, special bulletins, and history, especially for the second 50 years. Please fill out the form inserted in today's bulletin and give it to Jackie or Linda Marshall by Sunday, January 16th. We appreciate your help.

IN SYMPATHY: We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Gail West and Teresa Shelf. Teresa's brother, Les Mitchell, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. Gail's brother-in-law, Freeman Hipps, also passed away on Dec. 22nd. For those wishing to send a card, Teresa's address is: 102 Gary Avenue, Simpsonville, SC 29681 and Gail's address is: 709 Quillen Ave., Apt. 31, Fountain Inn, SC 29644..

RESPONSE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Refrain)
*O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

HYMN #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 4)

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Marshall

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:6-7 and John 1:1-14 Linda Marshall

HYMNS : #23: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1-3)
#53: "What Child is This" (vs. 1 & 3)
"I Wonder as I Wander" (words on bulletin pg. 7)
#31: "Hark! The Herard Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 2)
#60: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1-3)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Linda Stenhouse

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living 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.

Joys and Concerns of the People and The Lord's Prayer Linda Stenhouse

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.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER Linda Stenhouse
(the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside
the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "A Christmas Medley" arr. Purifoy

***The Doxology**

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Linda Stenhouse

*CLOSING HYMN #29 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*CHARGE Ronnie Storch & Congregation

Leader: Go forth in the grace of Christ.

People: We rejoice in his grace.

Leader: Go forth in the light of Christ.

People: We walk in his light.

Leader: Go forth in the love of Christ.

People: We serve in his love.

BENEDICTION Ronnie Storch

RESPONSE: "Love Has Come"

***Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.***

POSTLUDE "Once in Royal David's City" Gauntlet

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the First Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website www.firstpresssimpsonville.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given by Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS this week are provided by Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

BIBLE STORY BAGS are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Barb & Roger Daugherty, Jim & Linda Stenhouse

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sharon Stone (12/27), Kitty Shealy (12/28), Roger Pryor (01/02), Alice Grooms (01/03), Bill Marshall (PA) (01/03), Timothy Gerner (01/07)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Richie & Barbara Deroches (friends of Linda & Bill Marshall); Susan Medina; Gail West (for the loss of her brother-in-law); Chuck (Candie Vaitkeicius' brother); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall's mother); the Shelf family (for the loss of Teresa's brother); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Pat Clark; Elizabeth Cooper; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney & Jen Gibson (relatives of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@firstpresssimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

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