

Tonight
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 Joe Vaitkevicius
 Candie Vaitkevicius
 Liturgy – Linda Stenhouse

Elder of the Month for December
 Jerry Kross, 864-915-3560

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First Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

* 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 "Still , Still, Still" arr. Herbster

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.

People: Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!

Leader: Tonight the angels sing on earth.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

OUR CALL TO CELEBRATION

Leader: Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:

People: Lord have mercy,

Leader: Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

People: Christ have mercy,

Leader: Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

People: Lord have mercy.

***OPENING HYMN #41 "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SOLO "Silent is the Night" Tori Fowler

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER READING Burnett Kelly

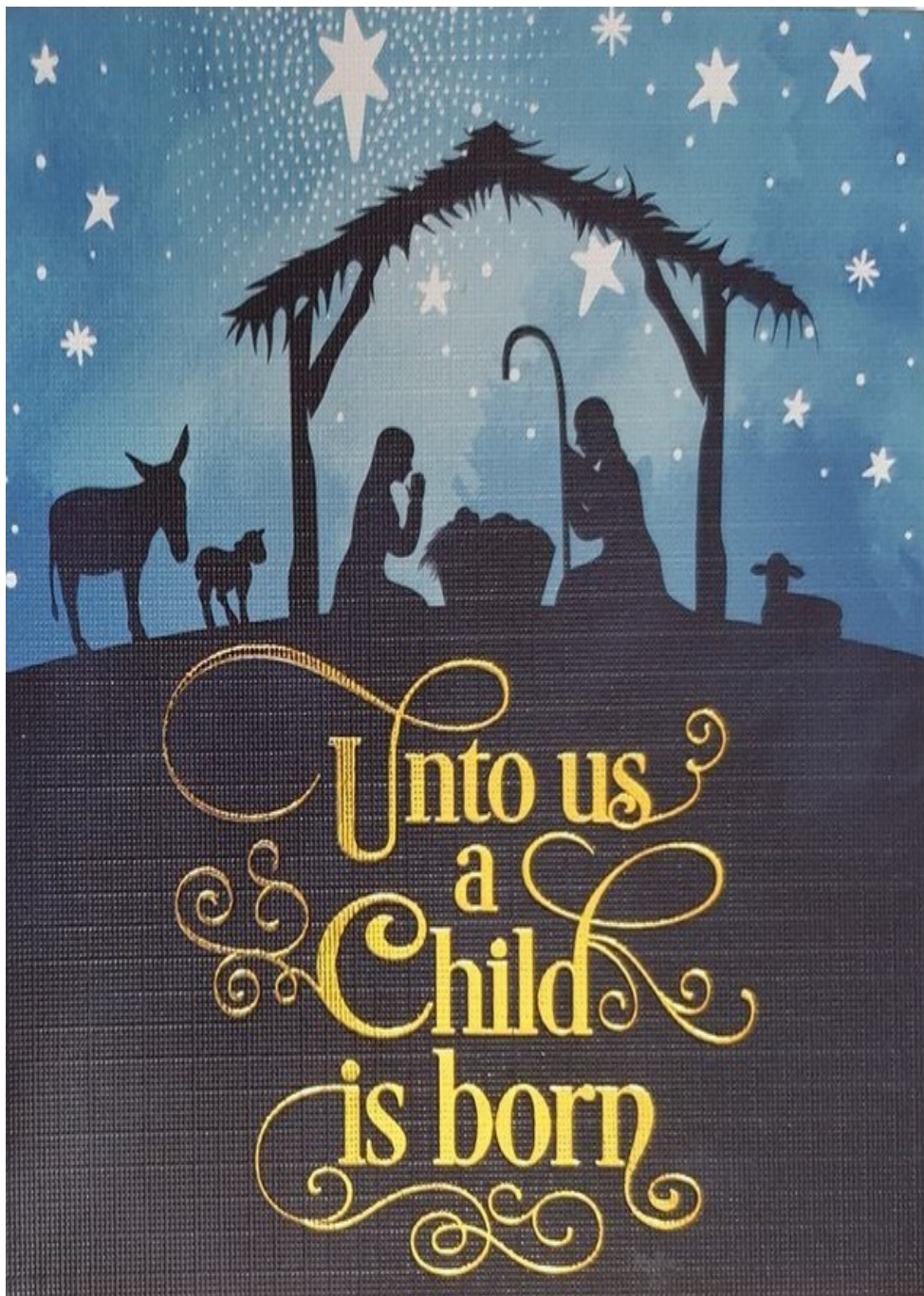
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jan & Jerry Kross

PRAYER (ALL): Lord, You come as a tiny fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Amen.

HYMN #56 "The First Nowell" verses 1 & 2



***Have a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy & Healthy
New Year!***



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

“I Know That Baby!”

Rev. Beverly Kelly

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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 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.

HYMN #22

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** “Silent Night” (“Silent Night” is printed on page 5 of this bulletin. If you need a larger version, there are handouts available.)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Postlude

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Parry

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 discuss matters of life and faith or learn more about the First Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact Pastor Cassie Wolfe at 216-513-3317, through our website www.firstpressimpsonville.com, by calling the church office at (864)963-8854, or pastor@firstpressimpsonville.com.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are our lovely poinsettias. Those who purchased and elected to take home a flower, please take it with you after the service. If you cannot take your flower home this evening and still would like it, please let Linda Stenhouse know.

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.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the back of the sanctuary.

A big “THANK YOU” to Tori Fowler for sharing her musical talents with us this evening. Tori is a member of our Church family. She is the pianist for Sharon Methodist Church in Greer, SC.

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of December are baking supplies such as flour, sugar, etc. and packaged cookies. As always, we are grateful for all donations

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church’s website: www.firstpressimpsonville.com. Click on “Videos” in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)’s faather; Richie & Barbara Deroches (friends of Linda & Bill Marshall); JSusan Medina; Chuck (Candie Vaitkeicius’ brother); Robert Pryor (Roger Pryor’s brother); Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall’s mother); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau 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@firstpressimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

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.

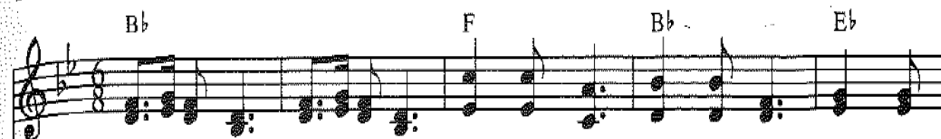
Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love’s pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the



vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing: “Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.”
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

