

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



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Blue Christmas

A Christmas Service of Hope and Healing

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4-- (NKJV).

PRELUDE	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Mary Dailey
WELCOME		Pastor Winslow
MUSIC	<i>Rest Ye Merry Gentleman</i>	Mary Dailey

CANDLE LIGHTING AND SCRIPTURE READINGS	Pastor Winslow
Psalm 119:28	
Matthew 5:4	
Matthew 11:28	
John 16:33	
Revelation 21:4	

MUSIC	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Mary Dailey
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Congregation
Dear God, at this sacred Christmas time, we confess our own unworthiness to welcome in the Newborn King. We also acknowledge our deep need for a Savior to heal our sin-sick and sorrowful hearts, amidst the greater world's need for a Redeemer to bring light that will shatter the darkness. Help us to turn towards your Star in a spirit of repentance, leading us to welcome the coming of the Prince of Peace this season, and always. Amen.	

SHARING IN GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS
This is the Good News—that the God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, has forgiven our sins—past, present, and future. In Jesus' name we find redemption! Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations	Pastor Winslow
3:22-26 (NKJV)	

MUSIC	<i>We Are Travelers on a Journey</i>	Mary Dailey
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NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:13-23
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MUSIC	<i>The Coventry Carol</i>	Mary Dailey
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MESSAGE OF HOPE	Pastor Winslow
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MUSIC	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Mary Dailey
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During the song, you are invited to use the notepads for reflection on those areas in your life where you need to receive God's healing

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Pastor Winslow

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

MUSIC

Christmas Lullaby

Mary Dailey

During the song, you are invited to come forward to light a candle as you remember a loved one, and in hope and expectation of God's healing to come.

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Pastor Winslow
and Congregation

(From **Romans 8:35, 37-39**)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril, or sword?

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come

Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(From **Hebrews 11:1,6 and 12:1-2**)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,

And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith

MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Mary Dailey

BENEDICTION

Pastor Winslow

POSTLUDE

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Mary Dailey



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Worship Plans

Sermon Series Caroling the Christmas Story

December 21: *Lessons and Carols*

December 24: *Joy To The World*--- Luke 2:1-20

1pm - Baroque

4pm - Interactive Children & Family Service with Bells

7pm - Communion, Candlelight and Choir

December 28: *First Nowell*--- Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:1-12

January 4: *We Three Kings* --- Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12 Epiphany & Communion

Mission Statement:

**We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus
Christ and together we Believe**



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