



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | December 11, 2022 | Third Sunday of Advent

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Paul Manz

Welcome

***Advent Wreath Lighting/Call to Worship**

Barbara and Virginia Hager

One: Holy Creator, we long for the total redemption and renewal of this world.

ALL: We long for you to wipe away every tear from every eye.

One: And so we rejoice: you came once, you are coming again.

ALL: May there be no end, no limit, to the wholeness and joy of what is to come.

One: Thanks for letting us be in what you are doing in this world, giving us a glimpse of the heartbeat of shalom.

ALL: Come. We're waiting still, come.

Sarah Bessey

Sung Response No. 91 *Come, Come Emmanuel*

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn No. 136** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are always with us and always coming. We confess that we do not know how to truly prepare our lives for that reality. We have forgotten how to hope.

We have ignored your promises. We have been distracted by the busyness of us.

Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the courage of the magi, and the quiet faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them toward Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response No. 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1)*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

***Please stand as you are able.**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Breath of Heaven*

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Angela Burns, soloist

***Doxology No. 145** *What Child Is This? (vs. 1)*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Christmas Musical *Good News Ahead...The Signs of Christmas! (See next page.)*

SENDING

***Benediction**

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Worship Leaders

Director of Youth Ministries, Jen Phelps

Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Music & More (m&m) Children's Choir

Soloist, Angela Burns

Organist, Sara Bryant

Good News Ahead...The Signs of Christmas!

Presented by the Kindergarten—5th Grade “Music & More (m&m)”
children of SACPC

Synopsis

Mrs. T (the school crossing guard) and her assistant, Tara, are directing traffic at the Live Nativity at their church when the tour turns into something no one quite expects! Throughout the tour the children learn about the many signs of Christ’s birth that were foretold by the prophets. They experience the Christmas story and see that the signs of Christmas all point them ONE WAY to Jesus!

Cast

Britt (*Lyda Williams, 5th Grade*) - Bored, skeptical, slowly becomes interested...and then believes!

Kevin (*Luke Lanier, 5th Grade*) - Happy, curious child who loves the Christmas season

Sienna (*Finley Harrison, 3rd Grade*) **and Sara** (*Henley Fortier, 3rd Grade*) - Smart and outgoing children who are VERY GOOD at quoting bible verses

Mrs. Terrill (*Aslyn McDonald, 4th Grade*) **and Tara** (*Katie Grace Marinos, 4th Grade*) - School crossing guard and her assistant; love being Live Nativity Guides

Shepherds

+*Thomas Bissette (*3rd Grade*)

*Elden McDonald (*5th Grade*)

*Ryder McEwen (*3rd Grade*)

Sebastian Thompson (*3rd Grade*)

Angel of God

*Foster Lathan (*3rd Grade*)

Joseph

*Isaac Lanier (*4th Grade*)

Mary

+Anna Williams (*2nd Grade*)

**speaking roles in Scene 5*

+solo in “Immanuel”

Chorus

Wheeler Bayley (*Kindergarten*)

Hobbs Bissette (*1st Grade*)

Maddie Crooks (*Kindergarten*)

Miles Crooks (*1st Grade*)

Bill Gwathmey (*1st Grade*)

David Lanier (*Kindergarten*)

Noah Huss (*2nd Grade*)

Mac Lathan (*Kindergarten*)

Hampton Thompson (*Kindergarten*)

Director Cindy Litzinger

Assistants Lil Conley, Beth Davis, Lynn Warner

Choreography Abigale Hawkins

Audio/Visual Jim Fox, Matthew McDonald