



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

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

GATHERING

Prelude *A Manger Medley*

Lee Dengler

Welcome

***Call to Worship for the Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day.**

Leader: The Word became flesh to live among us;

People: now we have seen the glory of God.

Leader: How beautiful is the messenger of peace;

People: who proclaims the good news of salvation.

Leader: God has poured out the Spirit upon us;

People: through the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior born this day.

Presbyterian Book of Common Worship

***Unison Gathering Prayer for Christmas Day**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

***Hymn No. 134** *Joy to the World*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

On this Christmas Day, set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, whose birth we celebrate this day. Amen.

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Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:8-9

***Sung Response** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (Chorus)

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

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*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.**

WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 - The Message

Sermon: *Necessary Endings*

Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley

***Hymn No. 115** *Away in a Manger*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

SENDING

***Hymn No. 113** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

***Unison Benediction**

Let us arise and shine, for our light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Let us go now and bear witness to the light of Christ. Let us go and tell this good news of great joy: to us a Savior is born. Amen.

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***Dismissal**

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us. Go in peace!

Postlude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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Worship Leaders

Interim Head Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Pianist, Sara Bryant
Lay Reader, Cindy Litzinger

