

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1028 South Belt Line Road Mesquite, Texas 75149

December 12, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Christmas Program, presented by the children and youth of First Presbyterian Church! The whole congregation is invited and encouraged to join in singing the Christmas Carols during the program. If we are singing all verses, the hymn number will be given. If we are singing just a verse or two, the words will be printed in this program. An asterisk (*) indicates standing.

VOLUNTARY O Holy Night Adam

GREETING, CALL TO WORSHIP, AND OPENING PRAYER

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 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 nation, joy of every longing heart.

SCRIPTURE

Words of the Prophets Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2-5, and Malachi 4:5-6

HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Isreal, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Isreal.

SCRIPTURE

Words to Joseph; Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a His bed: Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

SCRIPTURE Words to Mary; Luke 1:26-38

HYMN 145 What Child Is This

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.

SCRIPTURE Words from Ceasar; Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 115 Away In a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

SCRIPTURE Words to the Shepherds; Luke 2:8-14

HYMN 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Glo-ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE Words from the Shepherds; Luke 2:15-20

HYMN 118 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

all seated on the ground,

the angel of the Lord came down,

and glory shone around.

SCRIPTURE Words from the Wise Men; Matthew 2:1-2, 2-9

HYMN 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O— star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

SCRIPTURE Words from Mark 1:1-3 2:1-2

HYMN 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

SCRIPTURE Words from John 1:1-5

HYMN 134 Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

*VOLUNTARY Do You Hear What I Hear

Gloria Baker

The congregation is asked to remain standing and in place until the entire cast has exited. (Refreshments follows in Wilbanks Hall)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton Youth Volunteers: Erin Edling and Sheila Hammer Actors: Our children and youth of the church