



Welcome

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Luke 2:10-11



Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Erica Efird & Caylin Lowder

Prelude and Preparation*How Great Our Joy*

JUNGST

***Call to Worship**

Luke 2:9-11

Leader: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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Hymn of Praise (insert)The First Noel*

NOWELL

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

“Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son to bear the sin of the world and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide, we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love, for we have transgressed Your commands by our thoughts, words, and deeds. On this holy morning, we cast our sins upon Jesus and pray that You would heal us of our guilt, shame, and our wandering hearts, that we may serve You with glad obedience, to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

Matthew 1:21

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins.”

***Song of Response No. 79**

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (fourth stanza only)***Scripture Lesson**

Micah 5:2-4

Carol No. 88O Little Town of Bethlehem*

St. Louis

Word with Our Children

Michelle Walker

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Special Music*Breath of Heaven*
Kay Yates, alto

Grant/Eaton

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 78Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

***Carol No. 89**

How Great Our Joy

JUNGST

Homily

***Carol No. 93**

Go Tell it on the Mountain African-American spiritual

***Prayer**

***Benediction**

May our lives be captivated with the wonder of Mary, the faithfulness of Joseph, the glory of the angels, the joy of the shepherds, the faith of the Magi and the eternal peace of Christ. And may Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - bless us and abide with us now and forever. Amen

*All who are able please stand
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Just a few notes . . .



Follow the 2023 Bible Reading Plan! Bookmarks are available in the Narthex with the schedule for daily Bible reading.



Today is the deadline to return your Giving Tree donations, supporting the Cabarrus Women's Center. We are so grateful for your generosity to this ministry!



Celebrate the New Year with an 11:00 worship service on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1. There will be no Fellowship Breakfast or Sunday School scheduled for that day.



The Church Office will not follow regular office hours during the week of December 26th. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Eddie (239-450-3331; eddie@firstpresb.org).

A Note on the Hamilton Family Mission:

Thank you, church family and faithful ministry partners, for your continued prayers and support. We returned from our October Vision Trip to France encouraged, renewed, and with a new sense of urgency towards the mission field. Please see our December newsletter in the Narthex for more information. Also, prayerfully consider completing a pledge card to begin support once we leave for the field. Pledge cards will help us reach our necessary percentage for our next level of training.

Love to you all, David & Amy

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Brenda Ramsey and Peggy Snider family- loss of Peggy
Karen Pless- loss of father
Donna Mauldin family- loss of Donna
Sandy Bessent- daughter, McKenzie Hampton is recovering
Danny Bost- Waiting for further treatment
Judy Goodnight- beginning her treatments
Randy Childers- severe back pain and upcoming surgery
Shirley Faust- moved to Five Oaks Rehab

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Lacy Williams- recovery from surgery on back
Ann Benton (Jane Jacobs' cousin)- diagnosed with stage 4 liver and lung cancer
Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer

HOMEBOUND

Cindy Fisher- Transitional
Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock- home
Iris Efird- home
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks

THIS WEEK @FIRST PRESB

Sunday, December 25 **Merry Christmas!**

11:00am: Worship Service

Monday, December 26 thru Thursday, December 29

No Regular Office Hours

Tuesday, December 27

12:00pm - NA

Thursday, December 29

12:00pm - NA

Friday, December 30

6:00pm: Women Without Reservations at Swaringen Home

Next Sunday, January 1 **Happy New Year!**

11:00am: Worship Service

