

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ **Gathering Before the Word** ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Prelude

Away in a Manger

Murray

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin & Camryn Lowder

***Call to Worship**

***Hymn of Joy**

The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

***Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth. We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives. We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You for becoming God with us. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

*Hymn of Love

Love Has Come!
(see back page)

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~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

The Meaning of Chrismons

*Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering & Special Music

Little Drummer Boy
Chancel Choir; Chris Lowder, drum

Simeone

*Scripture Reading

Galatians 1:1-9

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Sermon

“Gospel Resolution”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Carol No. 93

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

For Unto Us A Child is Born

Handel

*All who are able, please stand.
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welcome

Please make plans to join us on Saturday, January 11 to remove Christmas decorations from the sanctuary. We will meet at 10:00am. Strong arms and legs are also needed to carry items back to storage on the third floor!

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Love Has Come!

TUNE: Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Luke 2:1-20

F F C F Gm7 BbM7 Gm C13 C13 C7 F F A F C7 F

1. Love has come- a light in the dark - ness! Love ex - plodes in the
2. Love is born! Come share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3. Love has come- He nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Gm Bb Gm2 C7 F F A F A F G F BbM7 Gm7 Bb Bb C7

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it.
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His moth - er.
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

Bb C Bb F Gm7 C13 A7 Dm C F Bb F

Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
What is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

C A C7 Dm C F Bb F C C7 F F

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!
name she whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

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