

Celebration of Worship

December 20, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Organist, Amanda Teachnor

Welcome & Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Doug Ruffner

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 45:8 and 7:14*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation may spring up.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,

and shall name him Immanuel. Let us worship the living God who has become flesh and come to dwell among us.

◆ Lighting of the Advent Candle Mayme Crawford and the Milford-Rosales family

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Children's Moment Pastor Dan
(Children's Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism Kassandra Grace Maibauer

Morning Offering

Offertory

◆ Hymn 309 *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* (Vs. 1)

**Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future
years shall see, Evermore and evermore! Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Christmas Cantata arr. Russell Mauldin

"He Is the Light of the World"

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"Once Upon a Manger"

"Where Else Would a Lamb Be Born?"

"Forever King of Kings"

"Glory to God in the Highest"

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

"Holy Is His Name"

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

"He Is the Light of the World"

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 29

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Chorus only)

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

CHOIR MEMBERS

Soprano

Sandi Byerly
Dotty Drymon
*Rhonda Duncan
Jeanie Kvach
Marti Law-Lowery
*Christina Maxwell
Pam Walker

Alto

Dorothy Bartley
Amy McAllister
Steffeny Palk
Sue Shelton

Bass

*Andy Duncan
Mark Griffis
Bill Stuckert

Tenor

John Bright
Todd Hunt
Brian Legg
*Todd Maxwell
*Andy Templeton

Children

Alexis Milford-Rosales
Aubrey Anderson
Kylee Hunt
Sonora Smith
Ben Hunt

Haley Young
Ali Carlisle
Audrey Smith
Abby White

Brooke Bryan
Hunter Carlisle
Claire Smith
Destiny Whisenhunt

Readers

Len Gardner – Caleb
Eric Miller – Zophar
Jennifer Gardner – Mary

Greg Maloney – Judah
Jay McAtee – Micah
Bill Zahringer – Joseph
Dan Milford - Pastor

Music Director

Doug Ruffner

Accompanist

Amanda Teachnor

Sound Crew

Bruce Phillips
*Guest Performer

Tom Rains

ORCHESTRA

Violin

Winona Fifield
Gina Davis

Viola

Phil Wachowski

Cello

Mary Snider

Clarinet

Steve Snider

Bass

Marc Facci

Flute

John Rush

Horn

Bruce Shultz

Trumpet

Tim McFadden

Percussion

Jeff Lawless
Jenny Lawless

Piano

Amanda Teachnor

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2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on Kassandra's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before Kassandra an example of the new life in Christ?
4. Do you promise to pray with and for Kassandra and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

Affirmations of the Congregation

1. Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with Steve and Patti the Christian nurture of this child, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen Kassandra's family ties with the household of God?

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