

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Merrick Johnson

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.

Sixth Reading

Addie Caroline Wiggins

Hymn No. 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*Love has come; a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises; Love! Love!
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love!
Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.*

*Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love!
Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*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.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*Charge and Benediction

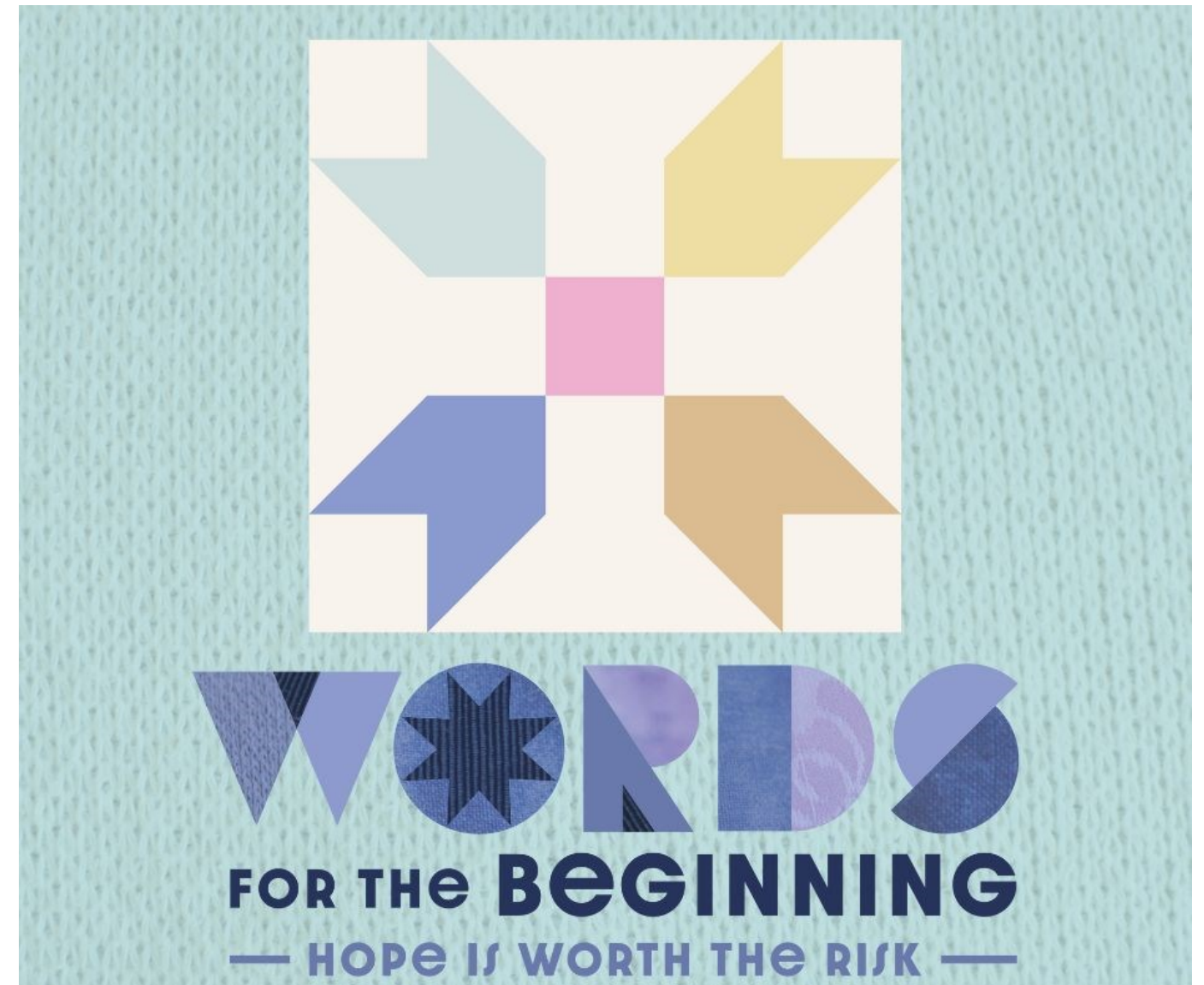
Kaylin Bell

*Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

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*You are invited to stand as you are able.



-----FOUNTAIN INN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-----

December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcoming the Light

Lynn Campbell

Preparing the Nativity

Molly Elhage, Mary Collins Hollingsworth and Evan Tumblin

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Whitney Moss

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Henry Craft, William Harshbarger and Claire Johnson

Prelude

In Jubilate Deo

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*Call to Worship

In this weary world,

we sing of joy.

In this fragile world,

we lift each other up.

In this beautiful world,

we look for God.

In this tender world,

we hold onto hope.

This is the invitation of faith.

With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you paint pictures of what could be, but we declare those visions impossible. You speak of the lion lying down with the lamb, but we spout skepticism and uncertainty. You dream of a more just day, but we poke holes in the plan, unable to fathom that horizon. Forgive us for losing sight of hope. Forgive us for assuming that what we see is all there is. Open up our hearts to see the world as you see it. Open up our hearts to risk hope, to dream dreams, and to not be afraid of either. With gratitude we pray, amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, no matter what you hold onto,
and no matter what you let slip through your hands,
God is holding onto you.
That good news will never change.

So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

Today is a new day. Today, we have reason to hope.

Today, we are forgiven.

And the same will be true tomorrow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

*Response Hymn No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed through Live Nativity

O Come All Ye Faithful

John F. Wade

Prayer for Illumination

Camryn McGeachie Dorrell

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W. Zlobie Lezy

First Reading

Henry Craft

Hymn No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.*

Second Reading

Brody Wade

What Child is This

16th Century English

Third Reading

Claire Johnson

Angels We Have Heard on High

Trad. French Carol

Fourth Reading

Hayden Bell

We Three Kings

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Fifth Reading

Laine Sierputowski

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Kaylin Bell

Offertory

The First Noel

Trad. English Melody

*Response Hymn No. 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



Christmas Poinsettias

The Bailey Family

In honor of our parents and grandparents:
John, Janet, Bill and June

Elizabeth Bell

In memory of Bill Bell

Doug and Susan Bowen

In memory of Kathryn and Dan Holland, Sr. and
Dan Holland, Jr.
In memory of Francis Bowen Cothran and
Bill Bowen

Janis Burand

To the glory of God

Alice Brim and Kitty Daniels

In memory of Daisy and Paul Brim

Fred and Mary Pat Davis

In memory of Mary Brown Davis and
Mary Lucille Moore

Melinda and Trip Gilreath

In memory of Sara Looney

Kay and Ken Higgins

In loving memory of all of our loved ones who
have passed to their eternal rest

Becky Loe

In memory of Bill Loe
In memory of Katherine Michelle Loe

Jimmy and Revonda Looney

In memory of Sara Looney

Jamie and Sommer Moon

In memory of Jim and Dee Dee Moon

Jamie and Sommer Moon, Claire and Merrick Johnson

In memory of Wayne Wallace

Claire and Merrick Johnson and Sommer Moon

In memory of Grandpa Edward Johnson

Penny Moore

In memory of Marge and Sam Roderick

Pat O'Shields

In memory of Hope O'Shields
In honor of Ken and Shannon Weinel

Louise Penn's Family

In honor of Louise Penn with love

Kevin Price

In memory of Janet Price and Rosella Clark

Marthie Snow

In memory of Sara Looney

Susie Stewart

In memory of Dr. Joe Allen and
Louise Rome Stewart
In memory of Joe Allen Stewart, Jr.

Kate Tumblin and Family

In memory of Bill Tumblin
In memory of Buck and Lucy Babb

Welcome to worship at Fountain Inn Presbyterian! Please record your presence by signing the friendship pads located in each pew. Visitors, we are especially glad to have you with us today and we invite you to take a blue "Welcome" bag from the narthex tables as you leave worship today. If we can answer any questions about our church family, please speak to one of the ushers at the end of worship.

We remember in our prayers Dot Dowd, Daniel Elmore, Trip Gilreath and our at home members.

The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and January 1. **All 2024 contributions** must be received in the church office by December 31 at 10:00am.

Special thanks to our Handbell Choir for sharing their gift of music with us in worship. We are grateful for Jackie Bell, Glenn Campbell, Ann Marie Conti, Kitty Daniels, Jinny Hanning, Sarah Hostetter, Karen Reynolds and Kate Tumblin.

Special thanks to all who have had a hand in making today's Nativity Worship possible. The Christian Education committee thanks those who helped with costumes, practice and preparations, and this year's participants.

Mary – Lynn Campbell

Joseph – Rhett Sierputowski

Caesar – Brody Wade

Inn Keeper – Camryn McGeachie Dorrell

Governor – Henry Craft

Wise Men – Samuel Harshbarger, William Harshbarger, Cameron Simon

Shepherds – Anaston Bell, Lock Henderson, Will Hollingsworth

Star – Kaylin Bell

Head Angel – Claire Johnson

Angels – Hayden Bell, Merrick Johnson, Laine Sierputowski, Josie Toppe, Riley Tumblin, Kirklee Wiggins

Donkey - Addie Caroline Wiggins

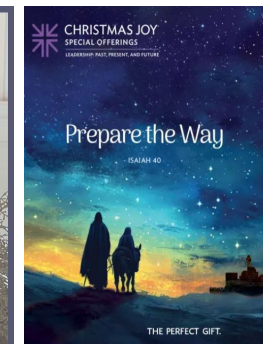
Cows - Parker Cohen, Flora Hostetter

Sheep- Blakeley Coffey, Luke Elhage, Molly Elhage, Ben Hollingsworth, Mary Collins Hollingsworth

Goats – Cash Coffey, Sawyer Stone

Camels - Ridge Henderson, Evan Tumblin

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The Christmas Joy Offering will be received during the 6 pm Christmas Eve worship service.



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Following this morning's service, please take your poinsettia(s) home to enjoy.