



*First Presbyterian Church Choir Presents*

# CHRISTMAS CANTATA

City of Hope by Tom Fette and Jay Rouse

**December 11, 2022 10:30 AM**

**First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please complete an attendance form and return to an usher before the end of service. Thank you!** Ushers today are Frieda Palmgren & Daisy Schalles. Next week our ushers will be Brad and Teresa Wille.

**Our Liturgist today** is Mary VanderPol.

**Flowers are given in remembrance of Guy Coffee.** If you have a date in 2023 that you would like to provide the flowers, you can sign up on the flower board in the Narthex. The price of flowers is \$45.

**The FPC Food Pantry** needs plastic bags (flattened and folded lengthwise), instant potatoes, canned vegetables (mixed), ramen noodles, and pie filling. Please drop off the items at the church office or by the pantry door in Fisher Hall.

This **Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30am** in the chapel, Rev. Kelly Pittman, chaplain of Good Shepherd Homecare and Hospice, will be presenting a program to the BridgeBuilders regarding end of life spiritual care and a general overview of what hospice and palliative care is. All are invited.

Our next **Friday Fellowship** is Friday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. in Fisher Hall. December's speaker is Mitchell Jerko! Home-made luncheon to follow with a good-will donation of \$10 for lunch.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, December 18, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have two services of worship, at 8:30am and 10:30am

**Join us for a special service, The Longest Night**, at 5pm on Sunday, December 18th in which we remember loved ones who have died, as well as our own need for healing and wholeness and light that only Christ can provide.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service** is Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!

**Join us for our Christmas Day Service!** We will be hosting a single, abbreviated, combined service at 10:30am in the sanctuary for all who may come. Scripture, prayer, and hymns will mark this holy day together as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

**January 1st is the first Sunday of Christmas**, and a combined service of worship where we will gather for the much-loved "Lessons & Carols."

## WAYS TO SERVE & GIVE

### Community Outreach Dinner Volunteers

**Tuesday, December 13th will be Team #6**

**Main Dish** | \*Claudia Voos, Mary Mertz, Jeannie Davis, Karen Davis

**Side Dish & Bread** | Emily Mark

**Dessert** | Sue Bath Dunn

**Server** | Jackie Tweed, Connie Fronk, Claudia Voos, Kim & Jeff Smith

If are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding Community Dinners , please contact Claudia Voos at (785) 313-1874 or [cvoos@BurnettAuto.com](mailto:cvoos@BurnettAuto.com)

### Community Outreach Breakfast Volunteers

**Wednesday, December 14th will be Team #5: VanderPol**

**Egg Bake** | Shirley Vogts, Chris Gathers & Melissa Soldan

**Set up, fruit, etc.** | Stacey Montgomery, Keith Vogts, Melissa Soldan & Mary VanderPol

**Clean Up** | Josh Medicinebird, Jeannie Davis & Mylo Wattenford

**Brown Bag Lunch** | Cheri Graham

If are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding Community Outreach Breakfast, please contact John & Peggy Lyons at 785-539-3644 or [lyonspeg3@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonspeg3@yahoo.com)

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## CALENDER FOR DEC 11TH-16TH

### Sunday, December 11

9:00am to Noon | Nursery

9:30am | Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am | Christmas Cantata

6:00pm | Stewardship Committee

### Monday, December 12

1:00pm | Faith Formation

6:30pm | Troop 74

### Wednesday, December 14

7:30am | Community Breakfast

9:00am | Staff Meeting

10:00am | Women's Bible Study

6:00pm | Back in the Word Bible Study

6:00pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 13

11:30am | BridgeBuilders Meeting

5:00pm | Community Showers

6:00pm | Community Meals

### Thursday, December 15

12:00pm | Life's Journey with Grief

6:00pm | Special Session Meeting

### Friday, December 16

8:30am | Food Pantry

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## We Gather Around The Word

### Prelude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Of the Father's Love Begotten by Rex Koury  
Variations on Gloria by Anthony Giamanco

### Introit | Choir

Arise, Shine Forth, O People Arr. Joy F. Patterson

## Welcome and Announcements | Liturgist

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: There will be signs in heaven and distress among the nations. But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

**All: our redemption is drawing near!**

One: We light this candle... and turns our shame to praise.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

### \*†Hymn #82 | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### \*†Prayer of the Day

*Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### \*Response of Joy | Hymn #538 | "Gloria, gloria"

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

## City of Hope | A Cantata for Christmas

by Tom Fettke and Jay Rouse, Narration by Rose Aspinall

“The dictionary’s definition of the word ‘hope’ is the ‘feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best.’ So what might a ‘city of hope’ be? If ever the very definition of hope was born, it was in the small town of Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago when the ‘Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’ Hope is always a welcome feeling, but with the Advent of Christ, it reaches beyond being a feeling and becomes a solid truth upon which we can build our lives. In this cantata...we are ushered into that unique place of special hope, with glorious carols of the season mingled with fresh new music and lyrics. May City of Hope bring the bright light of the Incarnation into a dark world this year for [our] church and town, making [our] community, too, a “city of hope.”

### I. A Bright Shining Hope

### II. City of Hope

○ Little Town of Bethlehem

### III. Night of Hope

Mary’s Canticle

Away In a Manger

Bethlehem Noels

### IV. Child of Hope

Child of Hope

The Virgin Mary

### V. A Celebration of Hope

Praise to the Holy Child

### VI. A Thrill of Hope

○ Holy Night

Many thanks to the many voices of the Sanctuary Choir without whom this proclamation of the Word in song would not be possible. Also, thank you to the narrative voices for drawing us deeper into the Word! And, as always, thank you to Mr. Mitchell Jerko and Dr. Reg Pittman, for their musical direction and gifts!

Soloist: Jenny Towns, Carter Keesecker

Narrators: Jackie MacDonald and Michael Donnelly

## **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn #92 | "While We Are Waiting, Come"**

### **\*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 Offering**

Those joining in worship "in-person" were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship "at home" we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website at [www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving](http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology | Hymn #606**

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.

## **Prayers of the People & 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.

## **Bearing The Word Into The World**

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**\*Hymn #79** | "Light Dawn on a Weary World"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist**

Canticle of Joy by J.S. Bach



Our **mission** is to create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by **loving** and **serving** God and one another.



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## HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
CLOSED noon to 1:00 p.m.

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