

DECEMBER 4, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTS

Listen to Christmas



A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete an attendance form and return to an usher before the end of service. Thank you! Ushers today are Fred and Sherry Borck. Deacons Frieda Palmgren & Daisy Schalles will also be taking offering today. Next week our ushers will be Frieda Palmgren & Daisy Schalles.

Our Liturgist today is Jan Gibbs.

Flowers are given by The Kyle Family in honor of Ben's 95th Birthday, and given by Steven & Cheri Graham In Celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary. If you have a date in 2023 that you would like to provide the flowers, please call the office and we will sign you up. 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.

Enjoy the Christmas Cantata "City of Hope" Sunday, December 11th at 10:30am! There will be NO early service in preparation for this special service.

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.

Join us for a special service, The Longest Night, at 5pm on Sunday, December 18th to 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!

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came to help with the hanging of the greens all throughout the church building! Thank you for your time and energy spent on making this place beautiful in celebration of Christ's coming, and looking forward to his return!

The Presbyterian Times newsletter deadline is fast approaching! For January's newsletter, articles are due by this Wednesday, December 7, 4:30pm. Thank you!

Next 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.

WAYS TO SERVE & GIVE

Community Outreach Dinner Volunteers

Tuesday, December 6th will be Team #5

Main Dish | *Joan Burton, Kelly Pittman, Virginia Benkelman, Jen Palmgren, Daisy Schalles

Side Dish & Bread | Stacey Warner, Kathy Herde, Theresa Wille

Dessert | Mary Alice Schlessner / Jan Gibbs

Server | *Joan & Ken Burton, Daisy Schalles, Theresa Wille, Kathy Herde,

Need Additional Volunteer

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

Community Outreach Breakfast Volunteers

Wednesday, December 7th will be Team #4: Cox

Egg Bake | Missy Cox & Joan Burton

Set up, fruit, etc. | Molly Sarvis, Shelley & Tim Norris

Clean Up | Paul Dittmar & Rae Jean Hunt & Betty Chatham

Brown Bag Lunch | Patty McCrary

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

CALENDER FOR DEC 4TH-9TH

Sunday, December 4

9:00am to Noon | Nursery

9:30am | Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am | Worship

Monday, December 5

6:30pm | Troop 74

Tuesday, December 6

5:00pm | Community Showers

6:00pm | Community Meals

6:30pm | Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

7:30am | Community Breakfast

10:00am | Women's Bible Study

6:00pm | Back in the Word Bible Study

6:00pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm | Choir Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

12:00pm | Life's Journey with Grief

5:00pm | Business Affairs Meeting

Friday, December 9

8:30am | Food Pantry

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

We Gather Around The Word

Prelude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming by James Mansfield

Lift Up Your Heads by Edward Mead

Introit | Natalie Davidson

Silent Night

Welcome and Announcements | Liturgist

Lighting of the Advent Candles | Children's Choir

One: The Lord is coming to his temple.

All: We watch and wait for his coming.

One: As we seek to prepare the way of the Lord, we light this candle ...until they shine forth his righteousness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

*†Hymn #95 (sung as a canon) | "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

*†The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, you sent your messengers to prepare the way for salvation. Give us grace to heed their call and greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

Listen to Christmas | Judy Gattis Smith

Is it possible in this noisy, neon, commercialized Christmas season to help children experience the great awe and wonder of the first Christmas? Can children who have seen excerpts of the Christmas story on TV and billboards comprehend the freshness and simplicity of the first Christmas story?

This play attempts to do these things by focusing on the simple aspects of that first Christmas: the unchanging sounds of nature, the comfortable presence of gentle animals, the stillness and mystery of the first Christmas eve.

Sight and sound are two senses the play uses to capture this mood. The congregation, directed by the narrator, creates the sounds of Christmas and becomes, not merely spectators, but a spontaneous creative force in the play.

As the eyes of the congregation watch a silent tableau of the familiar Christmas scene unfurl, they use their voice, feet, hands, and songs to experience the events of that first Christmas.

The Shepherds

“The First Nowell” | Mary Lou Allen, Soloist

The Manger

“Away In A Manger” | Eliana Ellis Davidson, Soloist

The Wise Men

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” | Children’s Choir

“O Come All Ye Faithful” (Hymn #133) | Children’s Choir, Congregation

Responding to the Word

*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. 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

***Hymn #383 | "Dream On, Dream On"**

***Benediction**

Postlude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending by Wilbur Held

CAST LIST

Joseph: Kyrie Johnson

Mary: Eliana Ellis Davidson

Wisemen: Hudson Curtis, William Allen, Jamir Johnson

Shepherds: Mary Lu Allen, Beau Breiner, Harrison Townsend

Angels: Hendrik Roozeboom, Sophia Townsend

Star: Keira Roozeboom

Donkey: Kennan Breiner

Readers:

Carter Couch

Benjamin Pittman

Kennan Breiner

Isabella Dowling

Adalynn Dowling

Narrator: Susana Vick

Director/Music: Natalie Davidson

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this pageant happen. I hope that we can leave this service with joy and cheer from watching these kids perform, but also with an amount of pensiveness, taking in the story and meaning of Christmas through the performance these children have for us this morning. Part of doing my job is always remembering that we can learn from anyone, no matter how small.

Blessings, Susana Vick



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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