



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28th, 2025



Stay With Me by T. Denise Anderson

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Noël on "He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"* Larry Visser
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Blessing Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Introit *Coventry Carol* arr. David Willcocks
FPC Schola

*Refrain:
Lully, lullay,
thou little tiny child,
by by, lully lullay.*

*O sisters too,
how may we do
for to preserve this day
this poor youngling,
for whom we do sing
by by, lully lullay?*

*Herod the king,
in his raging,
charged he bath this day
his men of might,
in his own sight,
all young children to slay.*

*That woe is me,
poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day,
for thy parting
neither say nor sing
by by, lully lullay! [Refrain]*

*Call to Worship Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

One: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

All: The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,

The glory of God's people and a light to all!

*Hymn 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Ian Dayalsingh

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the chapel or playground following worship.*

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Stephanie Hamilton
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:13-18	NT p. 2
Sermon	“The Escape Plan”	Rev. Stephanie Hamilton
Anthem	<i>Guide My Feet</i> Jason N. Brown, tenor	arr. Jacqueline Hairston
*Affirmation of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11)		Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
	Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!	
Call to Offering		
Offertory	Two Noël's from <i>L'Organiste</i>	César Franck
*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)		THE FIRST NOEL
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.	
Prayers of the People 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.	
*Hymn 154	“Jesus Entered Egypt”	KING'S WESTON
*Charge and Benediction		Rev. Stephanie Hamilton
Postlude	<i>Chorale Fantasia on “In dulci jubilo,”</i> BWV 729	J. S. Bach

FPC Schola: Keely Borland, soprano; Kathy Harris, alto; Jason N. Brown, tenor; Alan Chavez, bass

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This week's usher team includes: Jim Purser, Becca Ott, Richard Ott, Stephanie Purser, Blanche Toms, Peter Toms

Elders at the doors: Jim Irby, Foster Jennings, Vicki Warren

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), recovering from surgery
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Lee Brown, health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Annabel Edge, health concerns
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Marty Godsey, recovering from hip surgery and rehab
- Cynthia Hintze, health concerns
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Martha Morrill, health concerns
- Bill Neal, in hospice care
- Jane Neer, permanently in health care
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), in hospice care
- Oliver Perry (*Nancy and Sam Perry's grandson*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Liese Rohr, recovering from surgery
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Ray and Gabriella Ryan on the death of Ray's niece, Marie Ryan, on December 20.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

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