



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 29th, 2024



St. Catherine's Labyrinth by Jan Richardson

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Order of Worship

Prelude Five Noëls from *L'Organiste* César Franck
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit Hymn 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM

*Call to Worship Jeremy Meads

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

All: God is there.

When Jesus is presented at the temple,

God is there.

When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms, and Anna recognizes him,

God is there.

This very morning,

God is here.

In the future we cannot see,

God is there. Let us worship God!

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

*Prayer of Confession

God of welcoming grace, our minds are so distracted and our schedules so full, that we fail to embrace your invitation to search for the treasure hidden in the field, the coin lost in the house, the promise of the God of all Creation residing in our midst. In your mercy, forgive us for not responding with the fullness of our hearts and minds to the gracious and wondrous invitation to dwell in your presence, now and always.

*Passing the Peace

Baptism William Spicer Warren and Wrixam Barrow Warren Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
children of Bill Warren Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

*Question to the Congregation

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Spicer and Wrixam by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All: We do.

*Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 35)

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

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

Hymn 492

“You Belong to Christ”
(Please sing as invited)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

*Hymn 17

“Sing Praise to God You Heavens”
(Psalm 148)

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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

NT pp. 55-56

Sermon

“Finding Jesus”

Anthem

Mille cherubini in coro
Chancel Choir Trebles; Dave Maier, tenor

Franz Schubert

*Dormi, dormi,
sogna, piccolo amor mio.
Dormi, sogna,
posa il capo sul mio cor.*

Sleep, sleep,
dream, my little love.
Sleep, dream,
rest your head on my heart.

*Mille cherubini in coro
ti sorridono dal ciel.
Una dolce canzone
t'accarezza il crin.
Una man ti guida lieve
fra le nuvole d'or,
sognando e vegliando
su te, mio tesoro,
proteggendo il tuo cammino.*

A thousand cherubs in chorus
smile at you from heaven.
A sweet song
caresses your hair.
A hand guides you lightly
among the golden clouds,
dreaming and watching over
you, my treasure,
protecting your path.

*Chiudi gli occhi,
ascolta gli angioletti,
dormi, dormi,
sogna, piccolo amor.*

Close your eyes,
listen to the little angels,
sleep, sleep,
dream, my little love.

~ Trans. Jason N. Brown

Call to Offering

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

THE FIRST NOWELL

**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

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

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 149

"All Hail to God's Anointed"

sung to ELLACOMBE

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Postlude

Chorale Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach

We have some great **J-Term** class offerings this year – there is sure to be something for everyone! Visit timyurl.com/jterm2025 to see a full list of courses.



As we approach the end of the calendar year, FPC leadership is finalizing our 2025 budget which is primarily funded by member giving. Have you let us know yet what you plan to give in 2025? If not, make your pledge now at fpcrichmond.org/give or scan the QR code to make a gift or a pledge. Thank you for all the ways you give!



This week's usher team includes: Laura Bland, Kim Basmajiar Eone Beck, Ann Latstetter, Blache Toms, Peter Toms
If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (kmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Eone Beck, Christina Luxon, Jim Purser

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Curt and Jettie Popejoy by Ann and Bob Lastetter.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Angela Annas (*Christina Luxon's mother*), recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Michael Bland, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Ashtyn Bratt, recovering from broken ankle
- Vernon Glenn, health concerns
- Pat Lintner (*Christa Santos' father*), health concerns
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Yvonne Robertson (*Michelle Call's mother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Percy Wootton, health concerns

How can we pray for you? You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.