



SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

"Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High." – Luke 6:35

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" (In the style of Beethoven)
arr. Carol Klose

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT "Carol of the Bells" Kevin McChesney
The Bell Choir of Shallotte Presbyterian

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *(adapted from Micah 5:2-5)*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ

In Christ, there is life and light for all people.

From you, O Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to rule Israel,
whose origin is from ancient days.

He shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God,
and they shall live secure.

His name shall be great to the ends of the earth,
and he shall be the one of peace.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the Promise, you chose your servant Mary to bear your love to the world, but we confess how we deny this truth. We chase away those who seek refuge. We desensitize ourselves to cries for justice. We refuse to forgive or seek forgiveness. We profess faith in you each Sunday, only to ignore your commandments the rest of the week. Have mercy, Lord. Open our hearts to a better way. Give us the will to embody your Spirit of righteousness, so that all is good within us may be nurtured and strengthened in your name.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #85 “Light Four Candles” (v. 4)

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish the darkness.

He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“The Little Drummer Boy”

Joel Raney

Four Hand Piano Accompaniment: Tetyana Alston & Lee Ann Peele

Come, they told me (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), A new-born King to see (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

Our finest gifts we bring (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

To lay before the King (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum),

So, to honor Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), When we come.

Little Baby (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), I am a poor boy, too (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

I have no gift to bring (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

To lay before the King (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum),

Shall I play for You (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), On my drum?

Mary nodded (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), The ox and lamb kept time (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

I played my drum for Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),

I played my best for Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum), (rum-pum-pum-pum),

Then He smiled at me (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum), Me and my drum

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:39-55

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Pregnant Pause”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.1)*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.

Let every hill and valley, a level place appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in ancient story.

O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name!

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Kitty & Dave Green
Greeters: Sally Gunn & Carol Vealey
Liturgist: Wayne Tillman
Acolyte: Mary Grace Carter

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

