



SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

"For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority." – Colossians 2:9-10

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 29, 2024 – First Sunday of Christmas

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

PRELUDE

"O, How Joyfully"

Lowell Mason

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

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 148)*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars;

wild animals and cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and rulers;

young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above heaven and earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, you seek to clothe us in righteousness, but we reject this for the latest trends. We want to wear things that make us stand out and make other people jealous. We want to cover up and hide anything that may reveal our weakness, our vulnerability, or our dependence on you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to seek the comfort of your grace. Allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, so we may offer the thanksgiving and praise that are due to you.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONG. RESPONSE: #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (v. 3)**

*Good Christian friends rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:41-52

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“And the Stars Sang”

Joseph Martin

*Molly Frederick, Gail Thomas – Soprano
In the shadow of a stable, in the loneliness of night
A mother rocks her baby by a single candle's light.
And as the world lay sleeping, she prays in whispers low:
God grant to us a lullaby, one song to bring us hope.
And the stars began to sing, and the heavens rang with praise,
And the angels filled the night with music sent from the heart of God.
By the gentle glow of starlight, Mary wipes a falling tear.
She stares in silent wonder at the baby she holds near.
And her soul is filled with glory, and her heart is filled with praise;
Through tears of joy she tries to sing what words can never say.
And the stars began to sing, and the heavens rang with praise,*

And the angels filled the night with music sent from the heart of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Tailor Made”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** adapted from, *the Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession*, 1647, Question #75

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is a work of God’s grace, whereby those who God has chosen to be holy before the foundation of the world, are in time, through the powerful operation of the Holy Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole being after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life and all other saving graces put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise into newness of life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (v.4)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son.

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ the newborn king!

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #119

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Eric & Susan Lehmann
Greeters: Linda & Mike Black
Liturgist: Rusty Russ
Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

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