

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

December 27, 2020 • First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome

The Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Call to Worship

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him: Christ, the Lord!

Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Scripture reading Luke 2:21-32

Story *The Essence of a Christmas Celebration*

Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Story *A Difference in Punctuation*

Musical Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer (*ecumenical*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (refrain)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (refrain)*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (refrain)*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Postlude

Announcements

Post-worship fellowship, hosted by Susan Sharp and Richard Ward on Zoom, will begin shortly after worship concludes. See the email that went out this past Tuesday for a link.

Conversation on Loss

Also today on Zoom, our December Conversation on Loss led by Elaine Wilson, will meet from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Our theme this month is "hope." If you plan to attend please bring a poem, story, or your thoughts to share about hope for the coming year. The link for this meeting can be found in the email sent this past Wednesday.

Year-end contributions—As we quickly approach the end of the year, please note the following deadlines for 2020 contributions: online by December 31, or to the office by noon on December 31 (remember to allow time for the mail). If you want to make an early contribution for next year, please be sure to note that on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Jan. 1.