

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Sunday, December 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services of Worship for the Lord's Day

8:55 a.m. — Worship
10:05 a.m. — Sunday School
11:15 a.m. — Worship



*O come to us,
abide with us,
Our Lord
Emmanuel*

Welcome & Announcements Kim Wells
Minute for Mission Stewardship Tom Doyle
Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent
Polly Patterson & Evelyn Conley
*Opening Carol Praise Team & Congregation
O Come, All Ye Faithful
First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Alex Slawski
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and
disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*
Confession of Sin
Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 Allison Carswell
*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*
Galatians 3:6-9
*Paul writes that all who have faith in Jesus
are blessed with Abraham who believed.*
Assurance of Forgiveness
*Passing of the Peace
Third & Fourth Lessons Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Bob Garnett
*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah*
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation.*
O Holy Night Praise Team & Congregation
Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 Ashley Schauer
*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child.*
Mary, Did You Know? Praise Team
Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Mark Roberson
*Joseph & Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child.*
Away in a Manger Praise Team & Congregation
Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16 David Forney
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and
announce the birth of the Messiah.*
Angels We Have Heard on High
Praise Team & Congregation
Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Glenn Forloines
*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*
Invitation to Self-Offering
*We Three Kings Praise Team & Congregation
*Prayer of Dedication David Forney
Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 Elaine Knight
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.
What Child Is This? Praise Team & Congregation
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Kim Wells
*Closing Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Praise Team & Congregation
*Charge and Benediction
END OF WORSHIP.....BEGINNING OF SERVICE

*Those who are able are invited to stand
Bold lettering signifies congregational participation.

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us
J.S. Bach
TOWER BELLS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Forney
Please sign and pass the friendship pads, noting those
worshiping with you so that you may greet them after
the service. Guests are invited to fill out a Guest Card
and place it in the offering plate during our time of
Self-Offering.
CALL TO WORSHIP
**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**
Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent
Jonathan, Victoria & Oliver Agop
We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of
Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing
ourselves for the days when:
**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of
Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing
ourselves for the days when: The Lord will give you
a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and
shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel –
God is with us.**
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
OPENING HYMN 49 *Once in Royal David's City*
v. 1: Molly O'Donnell, soloist
v. 2: Sanctuary Choir
v. 3 & 4: All
FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Pew Bible pg. 2
David Pettit
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and
disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*
ANTHEM *Lost in the Night* Finnish folk tune arr./K. Haugen
Sanctuary Choir
*Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish,
will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?
Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?
Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling,
Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon!
Will not day come soon? Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Joyful Response, Hymn 10, v. 2

**Then cleansed be every life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

*Passing the Peace

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 Pew Bible pg. 16
Jim Hubbard

*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

CAROL: HYMN 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2; 6-7 Pew Bible pg. 555
Ed Davis

*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah.*

*CAROL: HYMN 38 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 558
Bobby Beamer

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation.*

INTERLUDE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Burkhardt

CAROL: HYMN 48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Pew Bible pg. 831
Roger Authers

*An angel appears to Mary and
announces that she will bear a holy child.*

SOLO What You Goin' to Name the Baby?
Johanna Chase, soprano spiritual/arr. Boatner

Oh, Mary, what you goin' to name the pretty little baby?

Glory! Glory! Glory to the newborn King!

Some call him one name, I think I'll call him Manuel.

Oh! Mary, what you goin' to name the pretty little baby?

Some call him one name, I think I'll call him Jesus.

Glory! Glory! Glory to the newborn King.

They're takin' him on their shoulders,

an' makin' him their governor,

Glory! Glory! Glory to the newborn King!

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible pg. 832
Chris Kennedy

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child.*

ANTHEM Away in a Manger Clarke
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Ewing, soprano

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.*

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay.

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes,*

I love Thee, Lord Jesus,

look down from the sky,

and stay by my side 'til morning is nigh.

*Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay close by me forever,
and love me, I pray.*

*Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 David Forney
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and
announce the birth of the Messiah.*

ANTHEM Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
Sanctuary Choir spiritual/arr. Rentz

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your ewes and leave your rams,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow!*

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Pew Bible pg. 783
Carol Gooch

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

HYMN 53 What Child is This

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Minute for Mission Stewardship Lee Witherow

Invitation to Self Offering David Forney

Offertory Ding Dong! Merrily on High arr. Larson
Adult Handbell Choir

*The Doxology, Hymn 23, refrain

Glo...ria in excelsis Deo!
(Glory to God in the highest!)

*Prayer of Dedication Kimberleigh Wells

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Pew Bible pg. 862
Elaine Knight

INTERLUDE In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Thompson
Adult Handbell Choir

CAROL: HYMN 37 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 16

*CLOSING HYMN 28, vs. 1, 2
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE, Hymn 28, 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!**

POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach
END OF WORSHIP..... BEGINNING OF SERVICE

WORSHIP

Hearing devices and large print hymnals, Bibles, and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Welcome Guests! We invite you to participate in "Worship Plus Two": Please commit to nurturing your faith and serving God in addition to worshipping God. Our staff is available to help you find your place in education and ministry.

Today's Service is adapted from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that has been celebrated annually at King's College, Cambridge, England, for almost a century. As stated in the Festival bulletin: "Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ... seen 'through the windows and the words of the Bible'." The nine Scripture lessons which are read today are those traditionally used at the Festival. Familiar carols and anthems have been selected to accompany each passage.

This Morning We Welcome Susan Fritts, French Horn and Candace Burton, Violin, to the 11:15 a.m. service. Susie and Candace will also be participating in the later service on Christmas Eve (8:30 p.m. pre-service music; 9:00 p.m. service).

Officer of the Day: Elder Elaine Knight

Ushers:

8:55 — Alice Micklem, Downing Miller
11:15 — Jim Stone (*Head*), Tom Baylor, Joanne Conley, Doug Starns

Serving as Receptionist in the church office this morning is Sharon Nalle.

Signing the Attendance Pad: Each person is asked to sign his or her name as clearly as possible at all services attended. **This is the only reliable way we have to verify attendance.** It is also a hospitable and courteous way to let your pew mates know who you are and that you welcome knowing them.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER 19–25	
Monday	Psalm 122, Zephaniah 3:14-20
Tuesday	Psalm 33, Titus 2:1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 102, Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday	Psalm 18:1-20, 2 Samuel 7:18-29
Friday	Psalm 148, Galatians 3:15-22
Saturday	Psalm 90, Matthew 1:18-25
Sunday	Psalm 2, John 3:31-36

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:55 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:05 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 4-6:00 p.m. Mid High Youth Group
- 5-7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Monday, December 19

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Caregivers' Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, December 21

- 11:45 a.m.- Noon Occasional volunteers & greeters arrive for Soup Kitchen
- Noon-1 p.m. Soup Kitchen meal served
- 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Team
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, December 24

- 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Time
- 8:30 p.m. Preservice Music
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Monday, December 26 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 - Church Office Closed

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