



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

PRELUDE (5 p.m. only)	God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen • <i>Gainesville Brass</i>	D. Smith
	Go Tell It On the Mountain •	L. Henderson
	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming •	D. Smith
	I Saw Three Ships •	L. Henderson
	Comfort Ye & Ev'ry Valley from Messiah <i>David Pelino, tenor</i>	G.F. Handel
	Sing We Now of Christmas	D. Smith
	Good Christian Men, Rejoice • <i>Jubilate Ringers</i>	K. Strepka
	What Child Is This	D. Haislip

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Choir:

Once in Royal David's City stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

***Congregation:**

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless; tears and smiles like us He knew:
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high:
When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dan & Donna Sutton (11 a.m.)

David FitzGerald, Coleen O'Brien, and Ben FitzGerald (5 p.m.)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1; 2:7, 15-17; 3:4-1

*Wherein man and woman, created by God,
sin against God and fall from grace.*

Read by Geoff Spiegel, elder (11 a.m.) and Joe Mueller, elder (5 p.m.)

CAROL

Keep Your Lamps
Cherub, Junior, & Senior Choirs

G. Gilpin

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin', for the time is drawin' nigh. Soon I will be done with the trouble of the world. Soon I will be done, the time is drawin' nigh. Oh, children don't get weary till your work is done. Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin', for the time is drawin' nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'!

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Read by Rivers Rentz, Junior Choir member

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens every load.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Read by Kate Lundy, Senior Choir member (11 a.m.) and Oliver Dowling, Senior Choir member (5 p.m.)

CAROL

Still, Still, Still
Cherub, Junior, Senior, & Chancel Choirs

R. Hobby

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow, for all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the night of our Saviour's birth. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Read by Luci Best, Cherub Choir member

CAROL

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

A. Thomas

Chancel Choir

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they said that his name was Jesus. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. Oh, yes, believer, born in Bethlehem. The angels sang when the baby born, and they said that his name was Jesus. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. Oh, yes, believer, born in Bethlehem. Wise men come from afar. They came following that star. They saw where the Babe was born, and they said that his name was Jesus. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. Oh, yes, believer, born in Bethlehem.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by Kat Fosser, elementary educator (11 a.m.) and Heather Mears, Preschool co-chair (5 p.m.)

CAROL

Magnificat Anima Mea

T. Scott Davis

Chancel Choir

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Et exultavit spiritus meus
in Deo salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae:
ecce enim ex hoc
beatam me dicent omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen ejus.*

My soul magnifies the Lord.
And my spirit has rejoiced
in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the low estate
of His handmaiden:
for behold, henceforth, all generations
shall call me blessed.
For He who is mighty
has done great things to me;
and holy is His name.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24

St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Read by Mimi Carr, congregation member (11 a.m.) and Judie Neeley, congregation member (5 p.m.)

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

D. Wilcocks

Chamber Choir

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow, Christ the babe was born for you!

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger.

Read by Shari Jones, Family Promise Director (11 a.m.) and Vi Asmuth, Local Missions (5 p.m.)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to all those of good will.
We praise Thee. We bless Thee.
We worship Thee. We glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee
for Thy great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Read by Nick Vellis, deacon (11 a.m.) and Megan Greer, deacon (5 p.m.)

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

* **THE NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Read by Rev. Mark Hults, minister

CAROL

O Holy Night with Gesu Bambino
Jubilate Ringers

L. McKechnie

CONCLUDING PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Chancel Choir

R. Robinson

Ding dong! Merrily on high, now hear, the bells are ringing. Ding dong! verily the sky, the world is filled with singing! Fa la la la la, now hear, the bells are ringing. And so here below, the steeple bells are ringing, and the people as they go, hear the children singing. Fa la la la la, now hear, the bells are ringing.

* **RECESSIONAL CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTES FIDELES

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:

Refrain:

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

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the Highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

* **CHARGE TO CONGREGATION AND BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE**

Canzona per sonare No. 1 "La Spiritata"

G. Gabrieli

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

ACOLYTE: Rivers Rentz (11 a.m.), Grace Berger (5 p.m.)

LITURGISTS: Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Coleen O'Brien (11 a.m.)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl

SOUND: Frank Counts

USHERS: Maralyn Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert (11 a.m.); Roger Bachmann, Ken Mears, Sarah Whitfield (5 p.m.)

PROCESSIONAL SOLOISTS: Emerson Barat, Norah Barat, Marin Best, Kaylee Bleeker, Breezy Dowling, Kate Lundy, Ginger Neuhaus

CONDUCTORS: Kim Ball, April Basiletti, Sam Garner, Andrew Netardus, Rebecca Ruescher, Shichu Xie

CANDLES: Maralyn Foote

NARTHEX ARTWORK: Kaylee Bleeker

LUMINARIAS: Deanna Cook, assisted by the Jubilate Ringers

CHANGE RINGING: Joyful Ringers

PERCUSSION AND STEEL DRUM: Troy Thomas

FRENCH HORN: Miranda Morris Sims

TIMPANI: Chip Birkner

HANDBELL TREES: Zack Conerly, Oliver Dowling

EUPHONIUM: Danielle Van Tuinen

OBOE: John Netardus

TRUMPET: Will Ely, Rósborg Haldorsdottir, Joe Jamerson

ORGAN AND PIANO: Tiffany Fung

TUBA: Vance Orr

JUBILATE RINGERS

Cameron Carter
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CHERUB CHOIR

Andrew Alford
Luci Best

Max Conerly
Linden Greer

Madeline Mears
Dalya Neuhaus

Isaac West

JUNIOR CHOIR

Grace Berger
Ryan Fosser

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Adeline Greer

Parker Mears
Aurora Neuhaus

Rivers Rentz
Ocean Wacha

SENIOR CHOIR

Emerson Barat
Norah Barat
Marin Best

Kaylee Bleeker
Alex Conerly
Zack Conerly

Breezy Dowling
Oliver Dowling
Kate Lundy

Ginger Neuhaus
Elijah West

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Jennifer Williams
Shichu Xie

GLORIFY GOD

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Donald Caton and his family upon the passing of his wife, Cecilia Caton, who joined the Church Triumphant on November 26, 2023. A memorial service is planned for February 2024.

The Flowers in Worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of LOGOS committee members Beverly Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, Jessica Berger, Margaret Dowling, Megan Greer, and Mitch Rorick by the First Presbyterian Church children and youth.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Advent Workshop a joyful start to the Christmas Season. The day would not have been so colorful, flavorful, and fun without Eileen Stephens, Fred Lewis, Andy Vloedman, Howard and Margaret Ling, Lorraine Barber, RoseAnna Rutledge, Rachel Coffey, Oliver, Breezy, Margaret, and Greg Dowling, Laura and Andrew Netardus, Jenny Chamberlain, Colin Conerly, Rachael and Randy Wacha, Ken Mears, Kaylee Bleeker and Tony Codgill.

If you'd like to learn how to make the cookie churches or help with crafts or pancakes, let us know! We'll be back next year. Wishing you all the blessings of Christmas, - Evelyn Lewis & Bev Vloedman

You are invited to this year's Advent Organ Concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary with Gabriel Johnston, a Ph.D. student at the University of Florida.

Christmas Handbell Concert: The Carol and Jubilate Ringers will join together on Wednesday, December 13 to present a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Please join our ringers as they bring tidings of the season to the Oak Hammock community (SW 53rd Lane).

There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Service on Sunday, December 24. Please join us for worship at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. with carols, candlelight, and Holy Communion. The Prelude, beginning at 5:30 p.m., will include the Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, chamber orchestra, and several soloists. If you cannot attend our Christmas Eve Worship, you may join us on YouTube.

Christmas Eve Nursery opens at 5:15 p.m. and runs through the end of the worship service. Please contact Jenna Mueller (see her email below) with any questions or to volunteer to help this Christmas Eve.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204. ***The nursery is seeking the donation of a pack 'n play for the nursery as well as the following items for a Nursing room: glider, white noise machine, bassinet, and changing table.*

Children's Worship Bags are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship.

LOGOS: Meet at Oak Hammock this Wednesday, December 13 at 4 pm. for caroling. Contact Bev Vloedman with questions.

Youth Connection: (6th-12th grade) You are invited to end the semester with our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lentz home. Please contact Fred Lundy with questions or to RSVP.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

December 10	1 Corinthians 5	Perry Foote
December 17	1 Corinthians 6	Bob Bailey

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.


Hope for the Holidays: Please be a part of the wonderful gift of giving. Purchase and wrap your gifts, SECURELY ATTACH THE TAG, and return by this Sunday, December 17 (extended deadline) or make a check out to the church to help purchase gifts (write *Hope for the Holidays* in the memo). We appreciate everyone who brings joy to the families of Family Promise.

Stop by the Montreat Christmas Table in Gordon Hall to shop for stocking stuffers this December. All proceeds help to offset transportation and housing expenses for those attending Montreat next summer.

Year-End Giving: Contributions made through Sunday, December 31, 2023 will be credited to the 2023 calendar year. They may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 31, made online by midnight on December 31, or postmarked by December 31. The office will be closed December 25-29, as well as Monday, January 1. Contact Trudy Bonerba with questions.

Concert for a Cause: The Florida State University Singers will present a concert under the direction of Kevin Fenton on Sunday, January 21 at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.1stpcmusic.org.

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