



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Christmas in July

Sunday July 26th

10:30am

GATHERING MUSIC

BELLS ~ The Westminster Ringers

PRELUDE ~ "Once in Royal David's City," arranged by Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND 5-CENTS-A-MEAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Please sign the friendship pads. A portion of our 5-cents-a-meal offering later in the service will help support UETHDA and other local organizations throughout our Presbytery.

*UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION~

Holy God, you came among us not in power, but in vulnerability and love. You entered our world to bring peace, mercy, and reconciliation. Even in the heat of summer, we remember the gift of Emmanuel - God with us. Awaken our hearts again to wonder, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

*O Come All Ye Faithful (No. 133) verses 1 and 3

*Angels We Have Heard on High (No. 113) verses 1 and 3

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~

Merciful God, we confess that we often celebrate your coming without living as your people. We sing of peace while harboring division. We speak of love while withholding compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and teach us again to welcome the Christ into our daily lives. (Silent Confession) Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL ~ Away in a Manger (No. 115)

SCRIPTURE READING ~ *Luke 2:1-7*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

SERMON ~ "150 days till Christmas!"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS ~

*Use the notecards in your pews and write down any prayers you have.
Place them in the offering baskets as you leave worship.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION ~ "O Holy Night," arranged by Diane Bish

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL ~ Hark the Herald Angels Sing (No.119)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of Christ, the light who shines in every season. In this joyful time of "Christmas in July," remind us that your love is never limited to one day or one season. Send us out to share the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus with all we meet. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*CHRISTMAS CAROL ~ Go Tell it on the Mountain (No.136)

During the final song you are invited to come forward to give to our 5 cents a meal offering

*UNISON BLESSING ~

May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bless you now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE ~ "Hallelujah Chorus" by GF Handel, arr. By Diane Bish

As forgiven people, please share signs of peace with your neighbors as you leave

Offering baskets are located by the doors as you leave or you can give online

**Please stand as you are able*

Worship Notes

Please be aware the 10:30am service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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