



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CHATTANOOGA

*The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga
is to be a city-center church
compelled by Christ's love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

11:30 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

"Joy to the World"

Reformation Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"We Three Kings"

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:68-69, 76-79

Reader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.

People: And You, Child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for You will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

Reader: to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,

People: whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

"While by the Sheep We Watched at Night"

No.215

"The First Noel"

Bulletin (vv. 1,2,3,6)

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

136 The First Noel

There were shepherds . . . in the fields . . . keeping watch over their flocks. Luke 2:8

1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be-
3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our
fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right
on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And
cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.
el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Traditional English carol
MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
Irregular meter

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing
made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth.

For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ.

No one has ever seen God; the only God, Who is at the Father's side, He
has made Him known.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, in the beginning You spoke,

and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.

In the fullness of time You spoke,

and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation;

we stand in awe before the mystery of the Incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,

empty of hope, lacking in love.

We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Silent Night" arr. Dan Forrest

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

*Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the FH level eleva-
tor and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

† DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

† SERMON

Matthew 1:18-23 — "The Reason for Christmas"

"Joy to the World: An Advent Series"

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Joy to the World” No. 195 (vv. 1,2,4)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born” from Handel’s Messiah

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lawrence H. Lassiter by Mrs. Lawrence Lassiter, Charlotte McNally, Lynn Lassiter-Kendrick, and Charles Lassiter. “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11.

Flowers from today’s display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 20th.

Sermon Notes:

1. Miraculous Conception

2. Miraculous Salvation

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 19

9:30 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Large Group	Student Center
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, December 20

10:00 AM	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, December 22

6:15 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
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Thursday, December 23

Friday, December 24

	Church Offices Closed	
4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 25

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