

Christmas Eve Communion Service
First Presbyterian Church Chattanooga
December 24, 2019

Nursery is available for infants through three years.

Prelude *(Silent Prayer of Preparation)* String Quartet
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Traditional Polish Carol

Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship Adult Choir, Tom Hammett
“In the Bleak Midwinter” by Rossetti and Holst

Advent Candle Lighting
Advent Reading for Christmas Eve:

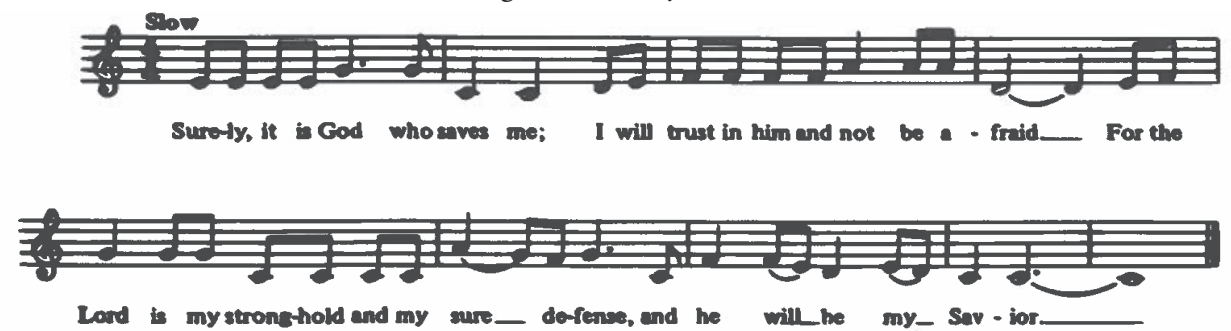
Christ Candle: We light this final candle of the advent as a testimony that Christ came into the world as the Light of the world. On that first Christmas night, the power of the light began to shine in the darkness. Though the world was created by him and through him, it did not know the meaning of his birth. But the angels proclaimed to simple shepherds that God had come to earth, that the glorious kingdom of light of the Son had begun. This little child was the King. And though the world did not recognize the King in his first coming, one day the King will return. And at the name of Jesus, all creation will bow and every tongue will declare him Lord. And he shall reign forever and ever.

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Revelation 5:12-13

†**Congregational & Choral Response**

“The First Song of Isaiah” by Jack Noble White



†**Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Dick Fisher

†**Hymns**

No. 203 (vv.1-3)
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
No. 194 (vv.1,3,4,5)
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

†**Affirmation of Faith** *(To be read responsively)*

Rev. Dick Fisher

Isaiah 45:21-23, 9:6-7

Leader: Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

People: **For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

Hymn

No. 213 (vv.1-3)
“What Child Is This?”

Prayer for God’s People

Rev. Dick Fisher

Offertory

Adult Choir, David Luther, Peggy Jenkins

“O Holy Night” by A. Adams, arr. by R. Bolks

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend! Behold your King; before Him lowly bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the
Lord; Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!

†Greeting of Peace

†Advent Doxology

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 208 (vs.1)

†Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:18,22 (pp. 606-607 in pew Bible)

Dr. Tim Kirk

“For thus says the Lord...”Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.”

Sermon

“And His Name Shall Be Called”

Dr. Tim Kirk

Preparation for the Table:

Confession of Sin

Dr. Tim Kirk

Congregation will privately confess sins during music, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”.

†Thanksgiving

Rev. Dick Fisher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up Your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

†Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Dr. Tim Kirk

Words of Praise

Dr. Tim Kirk

Leader: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take these in remembrance that Jesus
Christ died for you. Feed on them in your heart by faith and drink remembering that
Christ’s blood was shed for you.

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dick Fisher

†Closing Hymn

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

No. 210 (vv. 1-4)

†The Benediction

Dr. Tim Kirk

Postlude

String Quartet

†The Congregation will please stand.