

### Christmas Joy Gift

Tonight our church receives the Joy Gift offering. This offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. The entirety of tonight's offering will constitute our congregation's Christmas Joy Gift Offering.

Thank you for your generosity!



#### Save the Dates for Upcoming Activities at First Presbyterian

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 PM — Service of Healing & Wholeness in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 19

8:55—Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM—Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM—Worship in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 24

4:00 PM—Christmas Eve Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM — Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26

No 8:55 Worship or Sunday School

11:00 AM—Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 2

No 8:55 Worship

10:00 AM—Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM—Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Greer, South Carolina

Joy Gift Service

December 12, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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JOY GIFT

6:30 P.M.

**HYMN # 115**

*Away in a Manger*  
Please remain seated

MUELLER

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

Gray Lister

*Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*  
Chancel Choir; 4-hand piano

arr. Harvey

**PRELUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

Hurlbutt

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Reverend Will Shelburne

**THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS**

*Luke 2:8-14*

Sam Peters

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
Resounding Joy Handbell Choir

arr. McChesney

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

With praise and reverence,

**We remember the birth of Jesus Christ.**

With joy and thanksgiving,

**We celebrate God's greatest gift, His Son.**

Let us sing our praises!

**Let us worship the Lord who is and is to come!**

Let us offer Him our humble worship.

**Let us magnify His name forever! Amen.**

**THE SHEPHERDS VISIT THE MANGER**

*Luke 2:15-20*

Grace Peters

*Christ is Born*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Vree

**\*HYMN # 133**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful—verses 1,3, 4*  
Translation: Venite adoramus dominum: Come, let us worship the Lord!  
Chancel Choir; Congregation; trumpet

ADESTE FIDELES

**\*HYMN # 82**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

**SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT**

Reverend Shelburne and Dr. Masters

**THE PEOPLE WAIT IN HOPE**

Isaiah 40:1-5

Ryan Greene

*Come, Savior, Come*  
Chancel Choir; flute; oboe

Mengel

**HYMN**

*Silent Night*  
Young Ladies' Ensemble; Chancel Choir; violin  
Congregation please remain seated and sing vv.2-3 upon cue

arr. Fielding

**OUR LIGHT HAS COME**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Brian Wright

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Chancel Choir; string ensemble  
Congregation, please join on verses 1 & 4 upon cue

Fothergill

V.2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

V.3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

V.1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

V.4 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Angels We have Heard on High*

arr. Bock

**THE MESSIAH IS BORN**

*Luke 2:1-7*

Julia Hoskins

*O Little Town*  
Chancel Choir, oboe; string ensemble

Forrest

The flowers on the chancel railing are given by the Smith and Buczkowski families in loving memory of Jack Smith, Lib and Wardlaw Smith, and Bill Smith.

Special thanks to FPC instrumentalists participating in this evening's worship service: MJ Pella, flute; Elizabeth Dillard, oboe; Rebecca Aguirre and Caroline Dillard, violin; Ginger Greer, viola; and Micah Arms, trumpet.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
Logan Britt, french horn

arr. Adams

Thank you to the members of the Young Ladies' Ensemble, the Chancel Choir and the Resounding Joy Handbell Choir for their commitment to our music ministry and for generously offering the gift of their talents in worship.

Please join us on the front lawn for hot chocolate and cookies immediately following the service.

Helpers are needed after worship tonight to move handbell equipment to the bell room. Thank you!