



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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The Christmas Eve Tree, Illustrated by Emily Sutton

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The magic of Christmas was everywhere.
~ Delia Huddy, "The Christmas Eve Tree"

~ *GATHERING* ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Luke 2:10-11*)

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

PRELUDE

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

J.S. Bach

arr. Myra Hess

LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us,
a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

Glory to God in the highest!

In the light of Christ, come, let us give glory to God!

HYMN

[*Hymn Request: See Insert*]

GTG #108 - #152

Write hymn requests on the bottom of the insert. During the prelude, someone will come and collect all requests. Jake will shout out the hymn number before playing.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ our Savior gave himself for us,
that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INSTRUMENTAL

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 9:2-7

NRSV

NATIVITY STORY

LUKE 2:1-7

NRSV

And the Word became flesh and lived among us. **Thanks be to God.**

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CHRISTMAS STORY

THE CHRISTMAS EVE TREE

by Della Huddy

Illustrated by Emily Sutton

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

GTG #581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

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GTG #108 - #152

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

(verse 1) #541

Jeremiah Eames Rankin

RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

J.S. Bach