



# Nurture Good News

## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

*I am bringing you Good News of great joy for all the people.*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ LOVE POP-UP PAGEANT

*December 22, 2024*



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Kids (and Grown-ups) of IPC, Cast  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Director

*According to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.*

~ Psalm 25

~ **ACT I: MAKE READY A PEOPLE** ~

**I SCENE I**

**A NEW KING**

ISAIAH 2, 11

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**PRELUDE**

**BABY BORN TODAY**

Elizabeth Mitchell

*The Sounding Joy (Elizabeth Mitchell and Friends)*

**ADVENT BLESSING** (*Luke 2:10, Philippians 1:7, Kate Bowler*)

For see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.

**For all of us share in God's grace.**

**GATHERING**

**SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME**

GTG #102

Ambrose of Milan (NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND)

*Verses 1, 3*

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Barstow Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The Lord will give you a sign.

**Look, the young woman is with child.**

She shall bear a son,

**she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.**

In love, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

**CAROL**

**COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

GTG #82

Charles Wesley

**I SCENE II**

**BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS**

MARK 1, LUKE 3

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved. Amen. [*Time of Silent Confession*]

**\*RESPONSE**

**O LORD, HAVE MERCY**

GTG #578

Guarani melody

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

## I SCENE III

## LIFT THE VALLEYS

ISAIAH 40

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I have good news for you! Shout it from the mountaintop!

With a strong voice, cry out, **“Here is God!”**

God comes with power to make all things right. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

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

## ~ ACT II: THE GOOD NEWS ~

### II SCENE I

### MARY’S SONG

LUKE 1

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

### CAROL

### CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

GTG #100

*Verses 1-2*

### II SCENE II

### JOSEPH’S DREAM

MATTHEW 1

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

### CAROL

### AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN

GTG #107

*Verses 1, 4*

### II SCENE III

### BORN IN BETHLEHEM

LUKE 2

*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

### CHERUB CHOIR

### CHRISTMAS BELLS

*To the tune of “Jingle Bells”*

## ~ ACT III: RISE UP & FOLLOW ~

### \*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Offerings intended for the Christmas Crisis fund should be designated as such.*

### \*RESPONSE

### GLORIA A DIOS

GTG #585

Peruvian melody

MACHU-PICHU

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*For Love, from Have a Beautiful, Terrible Advent*)

**INTERLUDE**                      **GREAT BIG STARS**                      Elizabeth Mitchell  
*The Sounding Joy (Elizabeth Mitchell and Friends)*

**III SCENE I**                      **SHEPHERDS AND SONGS**                      LUKE 2  
*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**CHERUB CHOIR**                      **GOD’S SON IS BORN**  
*Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb*

**III SCENE II**                      **RISE UP**                      LUKE 2  
*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**CAROL**                      **THERE’S A STAR IN THE EAST**                      GTG #135  
African American spiritual

***~ ACT IV: GO TELL ~***

**IV SCENE I**                      **FROM A STABLE**                      LUKE 2  
*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**\*CAROL**                      **GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**                      GTG #136  
African American spiritual

**\*IV SCENE II**                      **A NEW BEGINNING**                      JOHN 1  
*The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**\*BENEDICTION**                      **THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE,** *Epilogue*

**POSTLUDE**                      **CHILDREN GO WHERE I SEND THEE**                      *The Sounding Joy*



***CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ~ DECEMBER 24, 7:00PM***