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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2023

11:00 A.M.



Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

Lay Leader: Bill Small Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay
Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones Bass: Joe Rivers

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader

Leader: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come. Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner and heralds in the start of a new dawn.

People: **Here we are Lord, illumine us, purify us, and shine through us as we worship, listen, and respond to You this holy hour.**

OPENING SONG

Hymn No. 116

Good Christians All Rejoice (modified)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Father God, sometimes we forget that the Christmas story did not end in the stable but continued as Jesus grew into a man, almost unnoticed by the world apart from His appearance at the temple, His spiritual home on earth. As we close the pages of one year and begin the next chapter of our lives, may we grow in faith, in wisdom and closer to You each day to Your praise and glory. *

All Singing: *Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.*

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1,3,4) #121
Let Him Bring You Out Alright*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

INTERIM PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Update)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY

Kristi Helfen

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Willis/Chung*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Receive Our Praise

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Acts 20:25-32

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

"And Now the End is Near"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 128

One Day When Heaven Was Filled

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE

*Angels We Have Heard on High
Traditional French Carol / Bober*

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.
GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.

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+No entry at this time. * Prayer by Beryl Lindsay

GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL REJOICE

(Tune: Good Christian Men Rejoice #116)

Good Christians all rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice,
Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today,
Ox and ass before Him now,
He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians all rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice,
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this,
He has opened heaven's door
And we are blessed for evermore,
Christ is born for this; Christ is born for this.

Good Christians all rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice,
Now you need not fear the grave,
Jesus Christ was born to save,
Come at His most gracious call,
to find salvation, one and all,
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RECEIVE PRAISE

Receive our praise, O God
Receive our praise, O King
Sanctify our hearts today
Receive our praise

Bishop J. Delano Ellis II

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see Thee lie
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Phillips Brooks

LET HIM BRING YOU OUT ALRIGHT

(Tune: What a Mighty God We Serve)

Let Him bring you out alright
Let Him bring you out alright
Bring you out of darkness
Into His marvelous light
Let Him bring you out alright

Jesus brought me out alright
Jesus brought me out alright
Brought me out of darkness
Into His marvelous light
Jesus brought me out alright

He will bring you out alright
He will bring you out alright
Bring you out of darkness
Into His marvelous light
Jesus brought me out alright

Let Him bring you out alright
Let Him bring you out alright
Bring you out of darkness
Into His marvelous light
Let Him bring you out alright

Bishop J. Delano Ellis II

ONE DAY WHEN HEAVEN WAS FILLED

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin –
Dwelt amongst men, my example is He!

Chorus:

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
buried, He carried my sins far away;
rising, He justified freely forever:
one day He's coming – oh, glorious day!

One day they let Him up calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:
Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He! **Chorus**

One day they left Him alone in the garden,
One day He rested from suffering free;
Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;
Hope of the hopeless, my Savior is He! **Chorus**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my lord evermore! **Chorus**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glory will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine! **Chorus**