



# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*December 26, 2021*

*11 a.m.*

### Preparation

Prelude "O Hail this Brightest Day of Days" J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 24)

One: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

One: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

**All: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,  
2. They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star

6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2. Shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east, \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far;

6. Sing \_\_\_ prais - es to \_\_\_ our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where \_ they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
2. And to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,

6. Who with the \_\_\_ Fa - ther we \_\_\_ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.  
2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.

6. And \_\_\_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

# Confession

## Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

## Prayer of Confession (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.**

**We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

## Response to Confession (Hymn No. 121)

ST. LOUIS

**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!**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 132)

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

# Sacrament of Baptism

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Walker Dylan Weeks  
Hunter Duke Weeks

**Walker and Hunter are the sons** of Durham and Nazy Weeks.

## \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Elder** assisting with the baptism is Kenneth D. Weeks, Jr.

## Anthem

"The Work of Christmas"  
Loretta Giles, soloist

Dan Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.*

# Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon

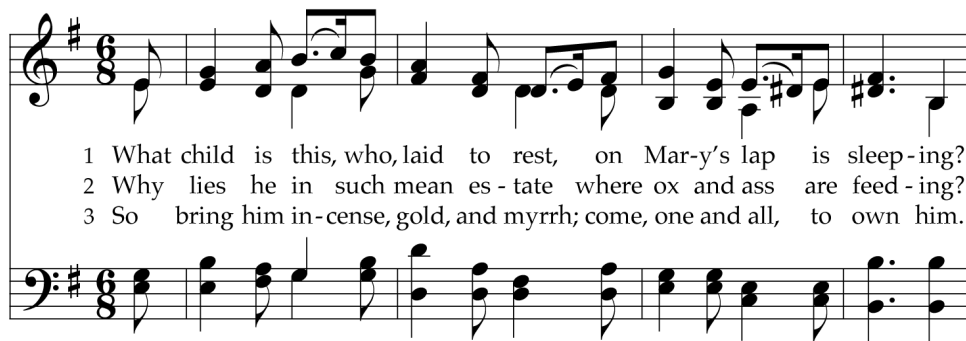
"The Supremacy of Jesus"

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

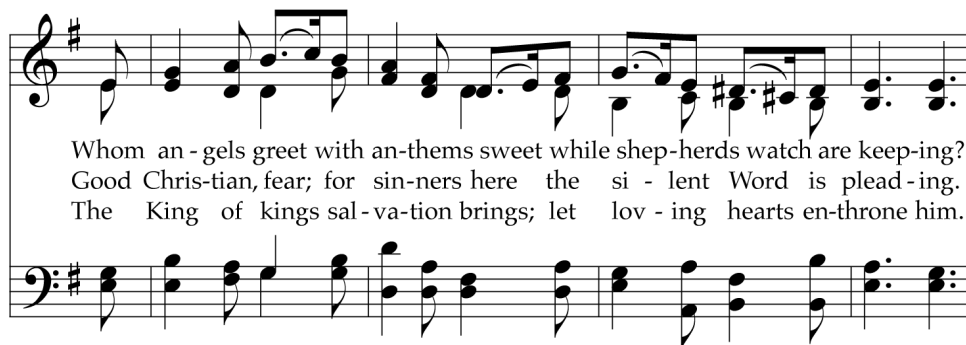
Hymn No. 145

"What Child Is This"

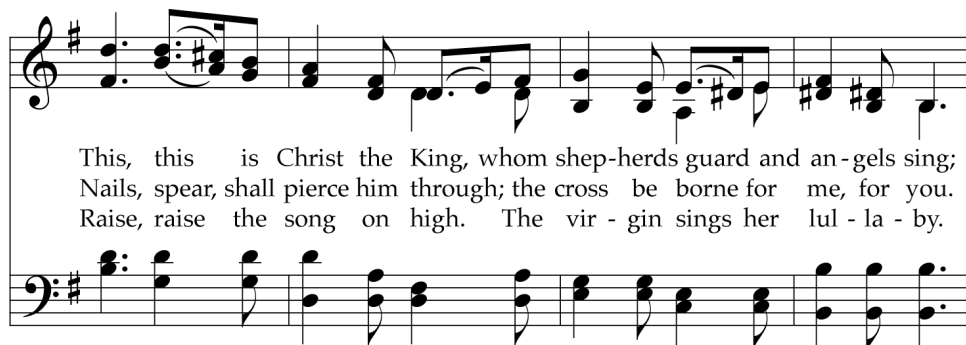
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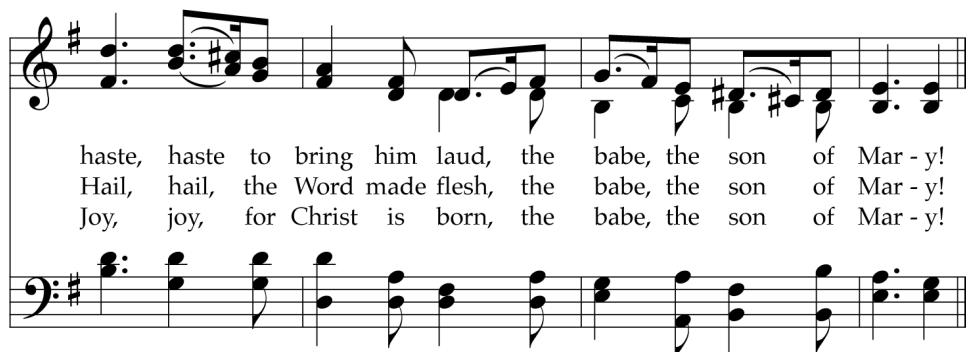
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

# Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Anna Dickson

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Stewardship of Life

Seminary Support

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

Seated At The Right Hand Of God"  
FUPC Praise Team

Tye Tribbett & G.A.

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 143)

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# Sending Forth

\*Hymn No. 136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

*Fine*

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man-ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

*to Refrain*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

Johann Michael Bach

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Are you interested in joining our church?

Contact Jane Ives  
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Pastor on call  
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## First Presbyterian Church Announcements

### First Presbyterian Church Closures

December 27 - 28, Closed for Christmas Holidays

December 29 - 30, Church building closed - staff working remotely

December 31, Closed for New Year's Holiday Room In The Inn

### No Youth Sunday School or PYC, January 2

Enjoy time with friends and family instead.

### Habitat Volunteers Needed, January 7- 8

Sign up to help during our last weekend on this fall's house. | To sign up, visit [fpc.tiny.us/habitat2021](http://fpc.tiny.us/habitat2021). For information, email [marwen@carolina.rr.com](mailto:marwen@carolina.rr.com).

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