

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 22, 2013
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Let us enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of meditation in preparation for worship.

Welcome – Greeting of the People – Announcements

Prelude

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”
Abigail Noll, bell tree
Bells of the Trinity, Mary Clark, director

Regent Square
arr. Lauren Delancy

*Congregational Introit

“Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads on High”

St. George’s, Edinburgh

Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye
doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that— so the King of—
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might— and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might— and strong— in — bat - tle— is.
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

Dr. Robert M. Norris, *Senior Pastor*, Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Associate Pastor*;
Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer, Rev. David O'Connell, and Rev. Blair Smith, *Pastors*

***Prayer of Invocation and Adoration**

***Hymn of Adoration No. 145**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Adeste Fideles

***Confession of Faith—The 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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn No. 623—Gloria Patri**

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

8:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

9:30 Rev. Blair Smith

11:00 Dr. Todd Smedley

Anthem

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”
Sanctuary Choir, Phil Sargeant, oboe;
Lynn Rechel, clarinet; Angelina Savoia, harp

14th Century German carol
arr. Barlow Bradford

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the Child divine.
God reward thee and all that’s thine,
In paradise, so prays the mother Mary.

He came among us at Christmastide,
At Christmastide in Bethlehem.
Men shall bring Him from far and wide, Love’s diadem.
Jesu, Jesu; Lo, He comes and loves and saves and frees us.

Little man, and God indeed,
Little and poor, Thou art all we need;
We will follow where Thou dost lead,
And we will heed our brother, born of Mary.

He came among us at Christmastide,
At Christmastide in Bethlehem.
Men shall bring Him from far and wide, Love’s diadem.
Jesu, Jesu; Lo, He comes and loves and saves and frees us.

Sweet and lovely little one,
Thou princely, beautiful, God’s own Son,
Without Thee all of us were undone;
Our love is won by Thee, O Son of Mary.

Jesu, Jesu; Lo, He comes and loves and saves and frees us.
Jesu, O Jesu, O Jesu.

*~ traditional German, “Josef, Lieber Josef Mein” originally sung as a lullaby
by the Virgin Mary in 16th-century mystery plays in Leipzig, Germany.*

New Testament Reading

John 1:1-18

pages 886, pew Bible

***Hymn No. 133**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Passing of Friendship Register

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Comfort Ye” and “Every Valley” from *Messiah*
Logan Webber, tenor

George Frederic Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
That her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord;
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low;
The crooked straight and the rough places plain.

~ Isaiah 40:1-4

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

pages 573, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Child”
4th in the series, “The Longed For Savior”

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Passing of the Peace

***Hymn No. 125**

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

Benediction

Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”

arr. Keith Chapman

**Congregation standing.*

Participating Officer:

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 Anson Keller

Elders are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

**The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00am locally on WAVA 105.1 FM
and worldwide by Internet streaming audio at www.wava.com.**

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Tonight's Evening Service, 6pm

Christmas Communion Service

"Heavenly Bread" | John 6:31-59

Dr. Todd Smedley

Stewardship & Finance

GENERAL GIVING

Annual Budget	\$ 4,638,691
Year to Date Budget	\$ 4,136,953
Year to Date Received	\$ 3,568,682

Next Sunday, December 29

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

"A Benediction for the Year's End" | *Jude 1:24-25*

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

"Who Is Thomas?" | John 20:24-31

Mr. Rob Yancey

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