

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 2014
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

“What Child is This?/Dancing Day”
Jubilate Quartet

arr. William Ryden
and Barrie Carson Turner

*Congregational Introit

“Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads on High”

St. George, 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.

*Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration No. 131

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

Anthem "Carol of the Bells" Mykola Leontovych
Special Blessings Bell Choir arr. Linda Elkan

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession

8:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

9:30 Dr. Robert M. Norris

11:00 Rev. Corey Gray

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:1-11

page 836, pew Bible

***Hymn No. 128**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Carol

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Passing of Friendship Register

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"
Sanctuary Choir

16th-cent. French Carol
arr. Mack Wilberg

Ding! dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing!
Ding! dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing!

Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And "I-o,i-o,i-o!" by priest and people swung-en!

Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers!

Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

page 602, pew Bible

Sermon

"The Servant"
2nd in a series, Remembering Jesus—"The Offspring of David"

Dr. Todd Smedley

***Hymn No. 127**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Margaret

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to Communion

*Declaration 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.

*Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your way, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the Gospel of Your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into Your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord's Supper

*Passing of the Peace

*Communion Response

“The First Noel”
Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath brought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

The First Noel

Benediction

Postlude

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Paul Manz

Participating Officers:

8:00 Bob Langston

9:30 Parker Griffin

11:00 Bob Flores

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

Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Women of Fourth Flower Committee.

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.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

Tonight's Evening Service, 6pm

York Nativity Plays

Sunday, December 7, 6pm in the Upper Room

The Christmas story is dramatized with music and movement, performed by children, for children of all ages.

Stewardship & Finance

GENERAL GIVING

Annual Budget	\$ 4,760,418
Year to Date Budget	\$ 3,697,909
Year to Date Received	\$ 3,349,514

Advent

2014

Third Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday, December 14

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

"The Shepherd"

Ezekiel 34:1-31

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 12, 8pm in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 14, 6pm in the Sanctuary

With choirs and full orchestra,
Scripture readings and Christmas carols

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