

The Spirit of Life Choir
and Meet in the Middle Children Share
THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS



From Luke 1:26-2:20
Adapted by Karen Johnson

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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Prelude (Kelly Polson / Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Build O Little Town of Bethlehem into the reading followed with singing the song)

Reader (Luke Scott / Cantor: Lisa Smith)

Opening Song O Little Town of Bethlehem #121 vs 1 & 4

Choir Psallite Gloria Deo by Joyce Eilers

Advent Candle 4 (Tune What Child Is This) (Lander family - Brant, Monique, Cor, Kai)

The song of love, first dreamt by God, is everywhere indwelling.
Its tune ascends and has no end – yet we're so often rebelling.
We, too, can lift our voice – as saints throughout the world rejoice.
Transformed by serving all, the holy fire of Advent.

Choir Somewhere a Child by Gilbert Martin (Becky Brandt, soloist)

Children's Program: The Story of Christmas From Luke 1:26- 2:20
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Songs:

African Noel (Perry) CCLI Song # 7161063

Away In A Manger Glory To God #115 (Duet-VeraRae and Briyelle)

The First Nowell Glory To God #147- (Congregational)

What A Glorious Night (McDonald/Brown/Frey/Smith) CCLI Song # 7002651

Born Is The King (It's Christmas) (Crocker/Ligertwood) CCLI Song # 6089302

Cast of Children:

Older child	Jimmy	(virtual)
Second Child	VeraRae	(virtual)
Third Child	Josh G.	(virtual)
Angel Gabriel	Kai	(in person)

Mary	Briyelle	(in person)
Caesar Augustus	Hannah	(virtual)
Joseph	Charlie C.	(in person)
Shepherds	Josh G.	(in person)
	Jimmy	(in person)
	VeraRae	(in person)
Sheep	Peter Jr.	(in person)
	Ken G	(in person)
Head Angel	Nora	(in person)
Angels	Johnny	(in person)
	Cor	(in person)
	Mia	(in person)
	Charlie N.	(in person)
	Maya	(in person)

Call To Offering (Prince Jordan)

Offertory Not That Far From Bethlehem by Jeff Borders, Gayla Bowers, & Lowell Alexander (Mary Brause, soloist)

Prayers of the People

All: 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.

Choir Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child, arr by Lloyd Larson

Announcements

Closing Song Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

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Children's Sunday School class is suspended on Dec 25 and Jan. 1. Class resumes January 8th.

Meet in the Middle will resume January 11th, meeting Wednesdays at 4:30 and including snacks, group guitar lessons for older kids /playing for younger kids, singing, Holy Moly video and lesson, and conclude with dinner for kids, youth and adults 6:00- 6:30 dinner. Monetary donations for dinner appreciated. If you're unable to join in person, jump on zoom with this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85002502767>.

*We need people to provide snacks, desserts, and prepare a meal. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary or contact Loretta Hunt at: lorettahunt5678@gmail.com. A big thank you to everyone who helped this past fall.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is today, January 8th. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

Our youth will be given **piggy banks** to collect coins for Advent / Christmas charity offering, so if you have a few spare coins find one of our Sunday School aged children and help fill their piggy banks for a good cause. They will be collecting from now until Christmas.

(Monday) **COFFEE and CONVERSATION** Meet with Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#.

Christmas Eve Communion worship will be at 5:00 p.m. Bring your family to hear the wonderful story of what God has done.

Join us for **Worship on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.** It will be a casual time (wear your pj's) where we will be singing lots of Christmas Carols and having a little fun.

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at ccsachs123@gmail.com. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

Note: The church office will be closed December 26-29.

Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50