

Following the Service, children and their families are welcome to join us in the breezeway for a birthday celebration for the new born King. Families are welcome to come to the manger and take photographs around the Chrismon tree.

*Readings are adapted from The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Tonight's offering supports the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Founded as a Presbyterian ministry in 1875, Thornwell is a joyful Christian community, offering hope and wholeness to children and families. Its goals are to provide loving homes for abused, abandoned, and neglected children, to offer an opportunity for healing by providing proper healthcare and mental health counseling for every Thornwell child, and to offer Thornwell's children hope for a successful future by providing educational support and teaching self-advocacy.

We make our gift to Thornwell in memory of Mrs. Ella Boyer, who provided loving care to the children of Westminster for over 25 years. Please make checks to *Westminster Presbyterian* and mark them *Thornwell Offering*; place them in the offering plates by the exits as you depart. You may also text *charlestonwpc* to 73256 or make an online gift at www.wpccharleston.org. Select "Give Now" and the Thornwell Fund.

You are welcome to keep your candle. Shine brightly as you go!

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

December 24, 2021

3:00 and 5:00 pm

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Stoney Family (3:00 pm)
The Ferguson Family (5:00 pm)

One: During Advent, we lit the candle of Hope.

All: **Thank you, Lord, for the gift of hope that is stronger than despair.**

One: During Advent, we lit the candle of Peace.

All: **Thank you, Lord, for the gift of peace that outweighs uncertainty.**

One: During Advent, we lit the candle of Joy.

All: **Thank you, Lord, for the gift of joy that sustains us in the darkness.**

One: During Advent, we lit the candle of Love.

All: **Thank you, Lord, for the gift of love that calls us out of fear.**

One: Tonight we light the Christ Candle.

All: **Our waiting is over; the Son of God has come among us.**

One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: **O Come, let us adore him!**

◆CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

READING

Everything Was Ready

◆CAROL

Silent Night! Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

READING

Gabriel Visits Mary

◆CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep; their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together; proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

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!

READING

He's Here!

◆CAROL

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

READING

The Angels and the Shepherds

◆CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply; echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

READING

The Wise Men

OFFERING

◆CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

◆PRAYER

◆CAROL

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain; that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching; o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens; there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled; when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus; that hailed our Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*

Down in a lowly manger; the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation; that blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*

◆BENEDICTION

Please stand, if able.