

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Almighty and everlasting God, who orderest all things in heaven and in earth, and who didst make all ages a preparation for the coming of Thy Son: prepare us by Thy Holy Spirit for the coming of Him whom Thou dost send, that we may behold His glory and receive the fullness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7-10

How lovely on the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who announces peace  
And brings good news of happiness,  
Who announces salvation,  
And says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”  
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices,  
They shout joyfully together;  
For they will see with their own eyes  
When the LORD restores Zion.  
Break forth, shout joyfully together,  
You waste places of Jerusalem;  
For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared His holy arm  
In the sight of all the nations,  
That all the ends of the earth may see  
The salvation of our God.

§ Carol

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

No. 195

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:21-38

And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.”

And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

“Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,  
According to Your word;  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,  
And the glory of Your people Israel.”

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

§ Carol

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

No. 211

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter  
Michael Weaver, violin; Beverly Brouwer, piano

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone: snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb, if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart. ~CCLI11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ Carol

What Child Is This

No. 213

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-3

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<sup>1</sup> “Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup> “For behold, darkness will cover the earth  
And deep darkness the peoples;  
But the LORD will rise upon you  
And His glory will appear upon you.  
<sup>3</sup> “Nations will come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.”

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin  
The Glory of the Lord Risen upon You

§ Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 203

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

**Sermon Notes:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Pew Cards:** If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!*

**New Year’s Day Services**  
**Sunday, January 1, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

Please note: no Sunday school on New Year’s Day.  
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated  
next Sunday, January 1, during morning worship.

**Wednesday Supper, Prayer Service, Catechism and High Point will resume January 11.**

**Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study (“Esther” by Lydia Brownbeck) resumes January 3, 6:30 pm:** This study, led by Meghan Newman will meet on January 3 & 24; February 7 & 21; March 7.

**Women’s Evening Bible Study (I Peter) resumes Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm:** Please contact Barbara Wilder for more information.

**Men’s Bible Study (Galatians) will meet Thursday, January 5, 7:00 PM;** contact John Kuhfuss for more information.

**Ladies’ Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews resumes Tuesday, January 24, 9:45 AM;** childcare is available. **Book cost is \$12** (In & Out version) or **\$17** (Precepts). Please contact **Wendy Richards** for more information.

**Men’s Sunday Afternoon Discussions will resume on January 22, 4:45 PM.**

***The PCA Christmas Offering, which is used “to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children who may have financial needs,” will be received through today. Please mark your checks or envelopes “PCA Christmas Offering”.***

*Having been nominated, trained and sustained in their examination, the **Session presents to the congregation, the following as eligible for election** (to the four year term of 2023-2027) in a **congregational meeting** on **Sunday, January 8,** following morning worship:*

**Ruling Elder: Terry Richards, Jeff Wayne, Sr.**  
**Deacon: Jared Farquhar, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett**

*Praise the Lord for His goodness in raising up these men  
and pray for His guidance in the elections to be held **January 8.***

***Bible Reading plans (“180 Days: A Guided Tour of the Bible” and a one year “Chronological Bible Reading Plan”) are available in the narthex.***

*The office will be closed December 26 and December 29—January 2,  
for Christmas and New Year’s holidays.*



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December 25, 2022

*Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by  
reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ  
and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20

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**THE SESSION:**

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin  
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, John Kuhfuss, Terry Richards,  
Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr., Jeff Wayne, Jr.  
Elder of the Month: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

**THE DIACONATE:**

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,  
Brian Medlin, Philip Triplett, Kevin Worley  
Deacon of the Week: Philip Triplett

**ASSISTANT PASTOR:** Pastor Andrew Newman

**COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE:** Pastor Peter Spink

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Michael Weaver

**CHURCH INTERN:** Vinicius Pimentel

**ACCOMPANISTS:**

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

**MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:**

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania  
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru  
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London  
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville  
Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa  
Gospel Reformation Network  
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Rev. & Mrs. Michael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine  
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