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Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

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DECEMBER 24, 2021 · 5:00 P.M. · SANCTUARY

Gathering Music *O Come, Little Children* Dale Wood

Prayer of Preparation *May we see with the eyes of a child the one who came as a child,
and in seeing may we believe and be born anew. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

Prelude *O Holy Night*
Trevor Waters, Piano

Call to Worship (based on Luke 2) Rob, Sarah, and Ansley Tompkins

Soon the Light will shine in the darkness,
Soon the baby will be born.

**Soon God will once again break into our lives,
Coming in a way that is expected yet unusual.**

God of Birth, God of Light,
Reawaken us to your Holy Gift.

**As we hear again the story of old,
Remind us of the promise it holds.**

With hope, peace, joy, and love, we light the Christ candle, for Christ is here!

*Hymn No. 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (v. one)

*Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Kemper Prillaman

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah Promises Peace

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Hymn No. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v. 1)

Graham Copeland

An Angel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-31
Hymn No. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1)

Emma Kilby

Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Ava Cook

The Baby is Born

Luke 2:6-7
Hymn No. 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain (v. 1)

Ella Cook

Angels Announce the Good News to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14
Hymn No. 119

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1)

Ansley Tompkins

The Wise Men Follow a Star

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

Hymn No. 151

Bruce Rosen

We Three Kings of Orient Are (v. 1)

We Offer Our Gifts to the Christ Child

The Manger Offering

We dedicate our 13th annual Manger Offering today to benefit Family Promise of Greater Roanoke, which serves those who temporarily find no room at the inn. Family Promise helps families struggling to overcome homelessness by providing them temporary housing and skills development.

Offertory

Angels We Have Heard on High

Garrett Waters, Soloist

Trevor Waters, Piano

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Sacrament of Baptism for Walter Brogan Wilkes

Presiding Elder: David Carson

Prayer for Illumination

Carol of Preparation

*Hymn No. 145

What Child Is This (v. 1)

*Affirmation 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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of our Brother in the Faith

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

*The Christmas Blessing

*Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Lani Smith

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – Advent is a season in the Christian year that lasts for about four weeks. During this season, Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews for a Messiah. The four outer candles are the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Tonight, on Christmas Eve, we also light the fifth and center candle, the Christ candle.

BAPTISM – During today's service, Whitney and Jack Wilkes bring their son, **Walter Brogan Wilkes**, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder is David Carson.

USHERS – Helen Dean (Head Usher).

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NATIVITY CAST

John the Baptist:	Bennett Nichols
Angel:	Anna Bryan
Shepherd:	Judd Copeland
Wise Man:	Lydia Bryan
Joseph:	Tucker Tims
Mary:	Sloane Nichols

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church! We are delighted to have you worship with us this Christmas Eve. If you are new to the area or new to Second, we would love to learn more about you. Please consider joining us again for worship or any of our Christian education or choir programs.

Upcoming Dates: Please join us for Sunday school and worship.

December 26: 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

Beginning again on January Sunday Mornings:

8:45 a.m.	Worship
10 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m.	Worship/Children, Worship, & Wonder (4k-1st)

Sunday Afternoons/Evenings:

5-6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (see Sunday's bulletin for updated info)
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Jan. 23	Kids' Fellowship Family Hike (12:30pm)
Feb. 20	Kids' Fellowship Family Bike Ride (12:30pm)
March 13	Weekly Outdoor Kids' Fellowship Returns (5-6:30pm)

Thank you! Our gratitude is expressed to all the children and youth readers, musicians, and their families for their participation and support of this program.

If you would like to learn more about Second Presbyterian Church, please visit our website at www.spres.org.