

1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803
A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)

December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve
Children's Christmas Pageant
Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Welcome!

We are an open and affirming
congregation, and a proud
member of the Covenant
Network of Presbyterians
(covnetpres.org).



People of all sexual orientations
and gender identities are
welcome here, along with their
families.

We are a
Matthew 25 church



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 congregations
identify themselves as
working toward one or
more of three goals:
building congregational
vitality, dismantling
structural racism and
eradicating systemic
poverty.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"Do not be afraid; for
see – I bring you good
news of great joy for all
people: to you is born
this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is
the Messiah, the Lord."

- Luke 2: 10-11



Filippo Lippi (c. 1406-1469), *Adoration of the Child in the Forest*.
Gemäldegalerie, Berlin.

Preparation for Worship

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. Brant Adams

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Blessing of the Children

Introit

A Christmas Lullaby

Jane Lindner

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children

Reader 1

adapted from Rev. Elissa Bailey, who adapted from Spill the Beans

We have lit these Advent Candles to remind us
of God's promise to send a Savior.

On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ Candle.
Christ is the True Light who brings light to all people.
We are called to carry the light into the world.

Reader 2

Let us pray: O God of Light, you illuminate every corner of the world.
Thank you for sending Jesus, light of the world, who shows us how much you love us.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Lord Jesus, you are amazing and You love us so much. Thank you for Christmas, for the Christmas story, for carols,
for decorations, for cookies, and presents. Christmas gives us so many good things, but the best one is You! You
bring us so much every day. Remind us to give our best back to you. Amen.

In dulci jubilo, BWV 608

J. S. Bach

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use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shep - herd 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.

Children's Anthem

A Christmas Lullaby

Jane Lindner

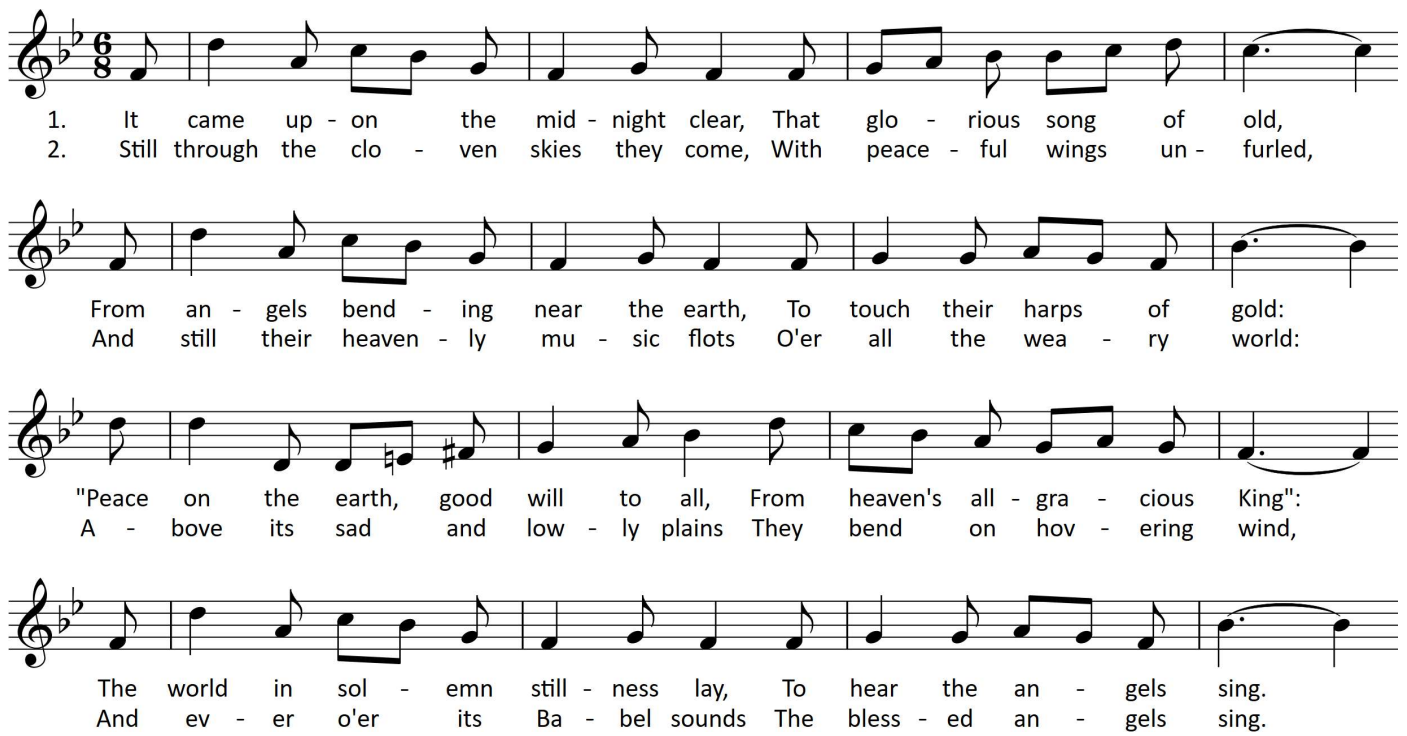
The Christmas Story

Scene 1

Hymn # 38

When the World Feels Scary
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled,

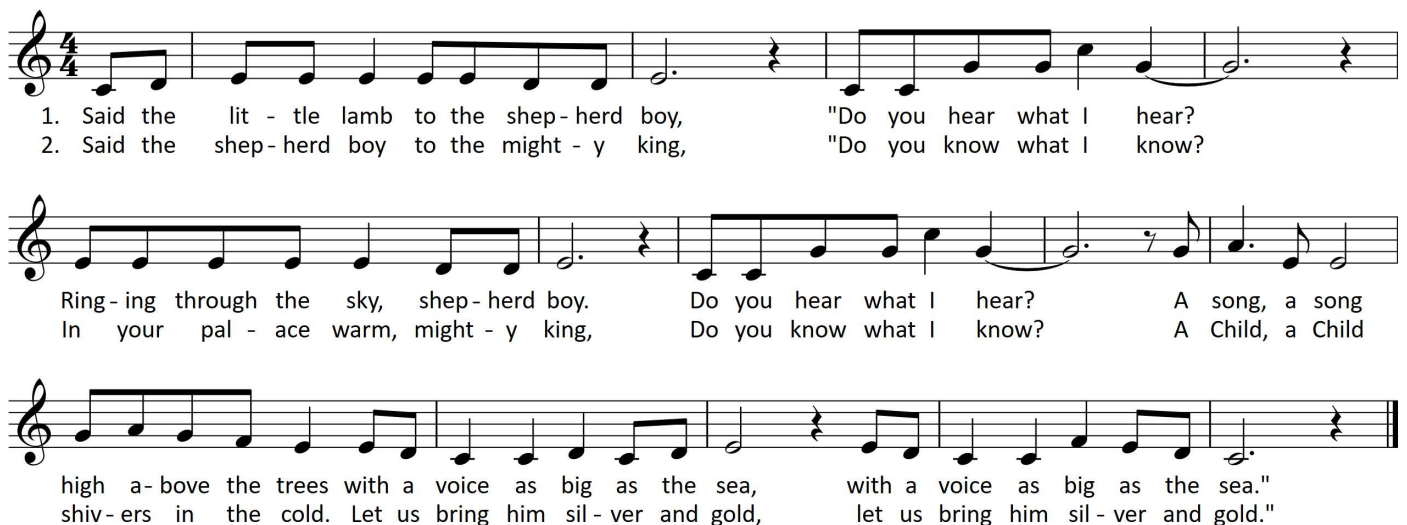
From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wind,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.

Scene 2
Carol

Joseph Has a Dream
Do You Hear What I Hear?



1. Said the lit - tle lamb to the shep - herd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?"
 2. Said the shep - herd boy to the might - y king, "Do you know what I know?"

Ring - ing through the sky, shep - herd boy. Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song
 In your pal - ace warm, might - y king, Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child

high a - bove the trees with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea."
 shiv - ers in the cold. Let us bring him sil - ver and gold, let us bring him sil - ver and gold."

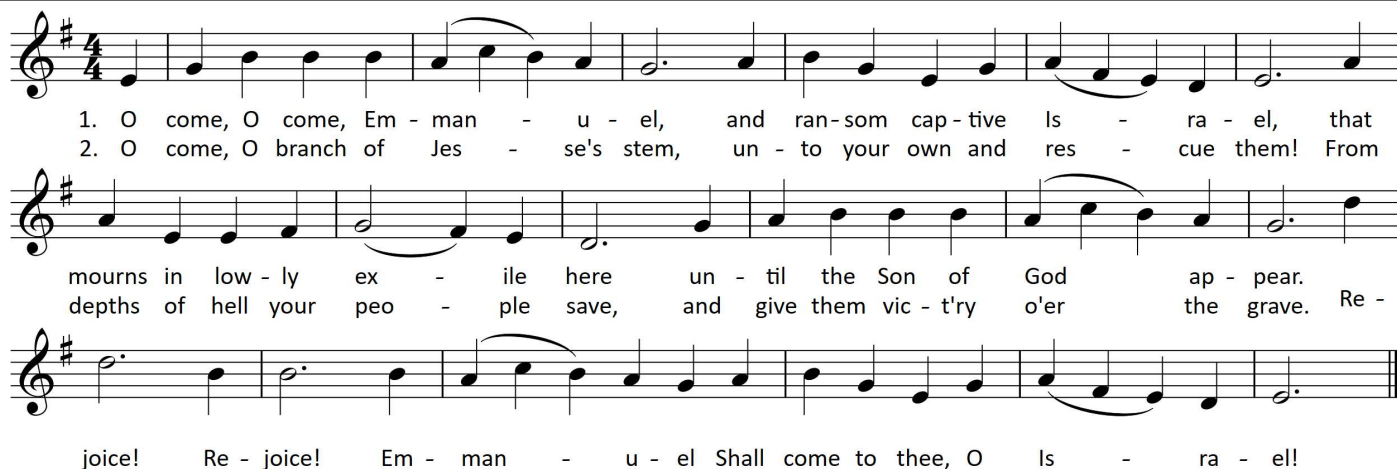
Scene 3

Tough Questions

Scene 4
Hymn #9

Caesar Augustus
O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el, that
 2. O come, O branch of Jes - se's stem, un - to your own and res - cue them! From
 mourns in low - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 depths of hell your peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re -
 joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Scene 5
Hymn #43

Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem
O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry: And gath - ered all a - bove,
 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
 Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

Scene 6

Wait a Minute...

Scene 7
Hymn #23

The Shepherds Hear the Good News
Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?

Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Scene 8
Hymn #66

The Magi and King Herod
We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2. Glor - ious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

Field and foun - tain moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty
 bright; West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

Scene 9
Hymn #60

This is Just the Beginning
Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Scene 10
Hymn #40

Mary Gets the Last Word
Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders won - ders of His love.

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light;
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia:
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King:

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

Benediction

Postlude

Final from Organ Symphony no. 1

Louis Vierne

Christmas Flowers 2021

The poinsettias that grace the chancel and surround the Nativity figures in the narthex are given in memory or honor of the following loved ones who are held in grateful affection.

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In Loving Memory Of

Cheryl A. McCulloh *given by Family*

William & Hilda Macomber *given by Dennis & Ella Johns*

John Phoenix , Ruth & Harold Pedigo *given by Carol Phoenix*

Alice & Alfred Magnussan and Donald Magnussan *given by Jane A. Magnussan*

Lola J. Paulsen (Mother) & Rachel J. D'Auben (Daughter) *given by Pam Paulsen*

All of our Loved Ones who have gone before us *given by Greg & Sarah Soenksen & Family*

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Nic Johnson *given by Scott & Bonnie Johnson*

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K.C. Griesenbeck *given by Tom & Sue Ervin and Claire Eppel*

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In Honor Of

Our Families *given by Sue & Tom Ervin*

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all those who through their donations made it possible to beautify the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church this Christmas Season.

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came.
You crept in beside us, and no one knew,
only the few who dared to believe that God might do something different.

Will you do the same this Christmas, Lord?
Will you come into the darkness of tonight's world -
not the friendly darkness as when sleep rescues us from tiredness,
but the fearful darkness, in which people have stopped believing:
 that war will end
 or that food will come
 or that a government will change
 or that the Church cares?

Will you come into that darkness and do something different
to save your people from death and despair?
Will you come into the quietness of this town -
not the friendly quietness as when lovers hold hands,
but the fearful silence when:
 the phone has not rung
 the letter has not come,
 the friendly voice no longer speaks,
 the doctor's face says it all?

Will you come into that darkness and do something different
not to distract, but to embrace your people?
Will you come into the dark corners and the quiet places of our lives?
We ask this not because we are guilt-ridden or want to be,
but because the fullness of our lives longs for, depends upon, our being:
 as open and vulnerable as you were to us
 when you came wearing no more than diapers
 and trusting human hands to hold their maker.

Will you come into our lives
if we open them to you and do something different?

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came.
You crept in beside us.

Do the same this Christmas, Lord.
Do the same this Christmas.

Amen.

-Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community