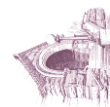




# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

December 24, 2022  
Christmas Eve  
Combined Worship Service  
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**



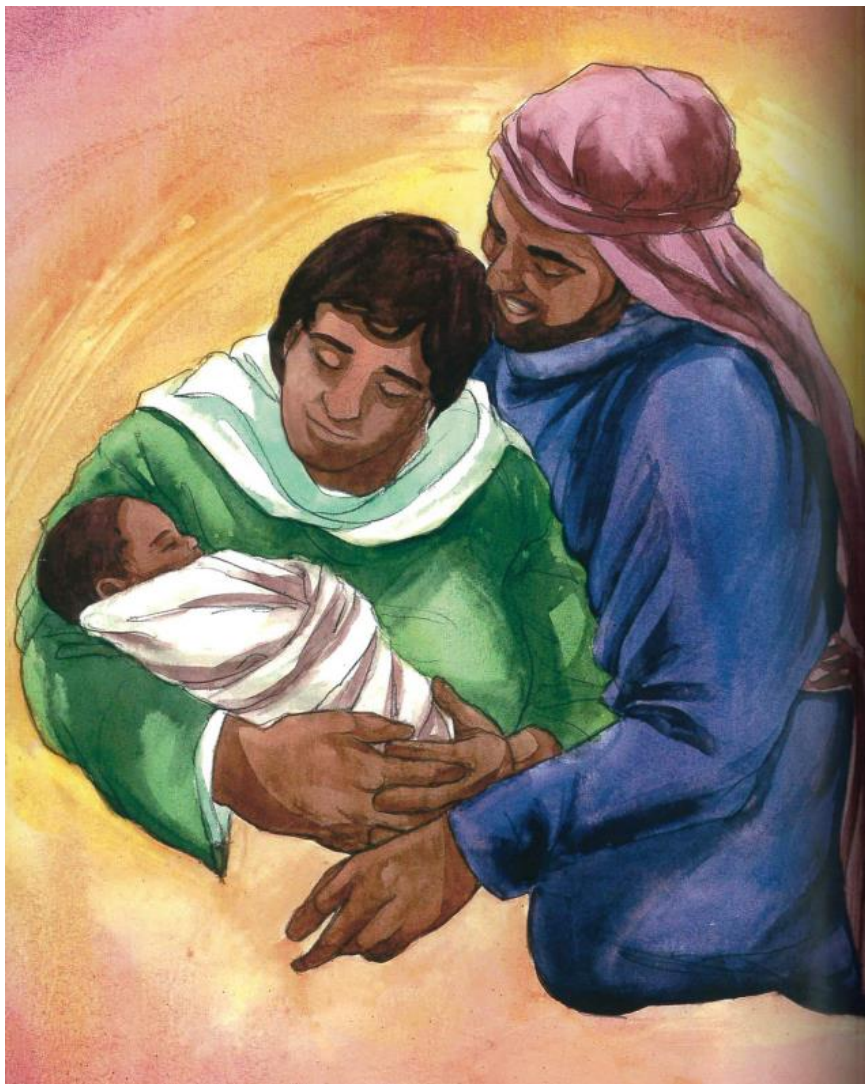
**MATTHEW 25**

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



Ann Sheng, *Jesus is Born* – used with permission from Wood Lake Publishing;  
*Read, Wonder, Listen: Stories from the Bible for Young Readers.*

## 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**

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Listen for God's Word

**Anthem**

Lullaby, Holy One  
Kirkwood Choir

Jane Lindner

**The ABCs of Christmas**

Jay Williams and Kristy Woodrow

*When you hear the word...**Angel – shout “Hallelujah!”**Shepherd – shout “Let’s go see!”**Wise one – shout “Look, a star!”***A – Angel****B – Bethlehem****C – Census****D – Dream****E – Exhausted****F – Family****Anthem**

Scots Nativity  
The Sanctuary Choir

Alan Bullard

**G – Good News****Luke 2:8-16**

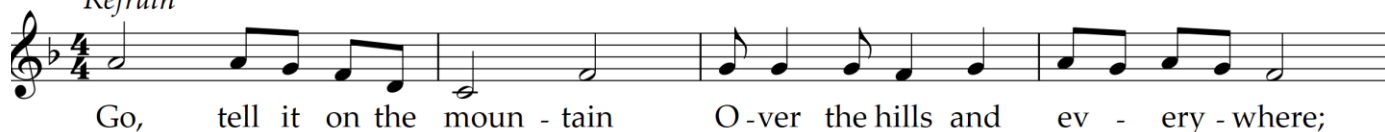
Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

**H- Herds****I – Immanuel****J – Joy**

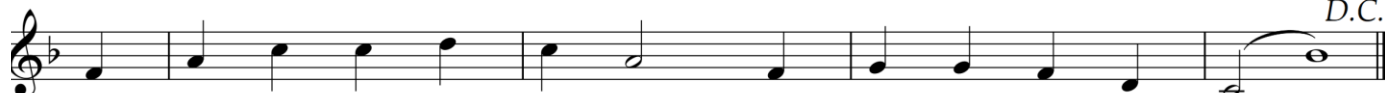
## Hymn #29

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*Refrain**Fine*

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo! a - bove the earth,  
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

*D.C.*

Be - hold through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

K – King

L – Love

M – Manger

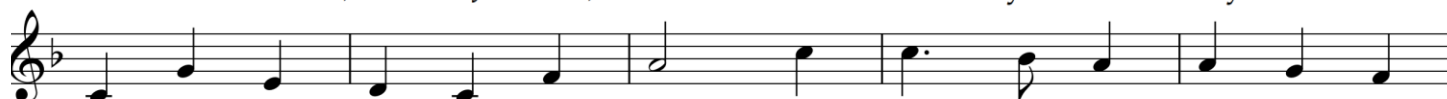
## Hymn #25

## Away in a Manger

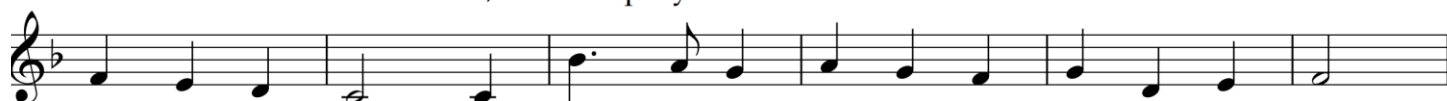
MUELLER



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

N – Noel

O - Offering

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Alex Gilson

*This Christmas, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you might give of yourself this coming year. How might you use your time and talents to further God's mission that was started so long ago with the birth of a little baby? You might consider serving on a church committee, volunteering with our youth or children, working with a local non-profit, or offering to bring meals and cards to homebound members and friends. We invite you to write your idea on the index card provided and drop it in the manger either during the offertory or as you leave worship tonight.*

*To share your treasure, you may use the offering plate that is placed in the narthex; or you may visit the church website at [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org), and click on "Donate Now;" or you may use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>; or you may mail your check to the church office; or you may donate directly from your phone:*



**\*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God**

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.

**P – Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Q – Quiet**

**R – Revolution**

**S – Shepherds**

**Hymn #50****Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**

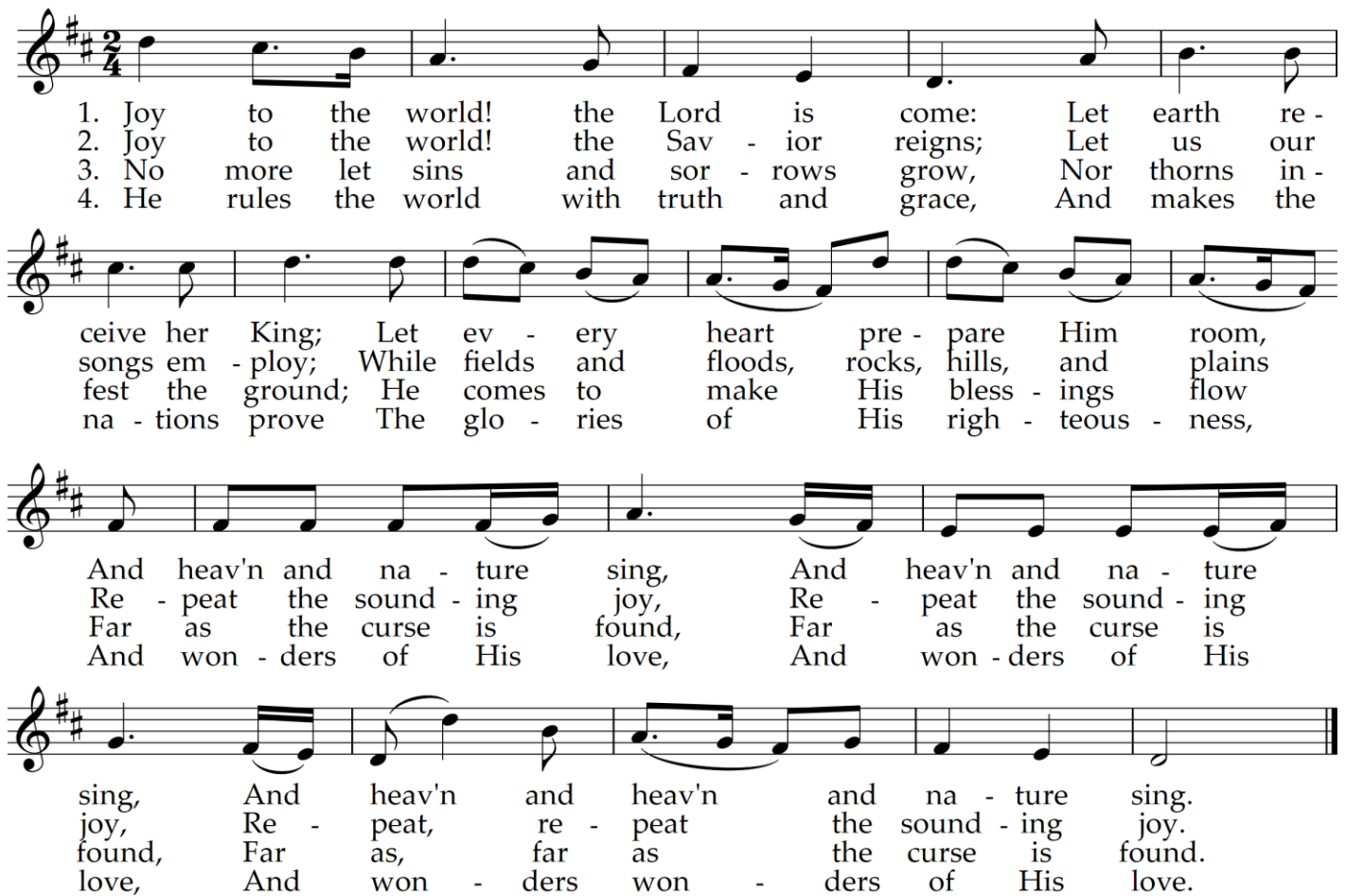
1. There's a star in the East on the Christ - mas morn,  
2. If you take good heed to the an - gel's words,  
Rise up, shep-herd and fol - low, It will lead to the place where the  
Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low, You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for -  
Christ was born, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.  
get your herds, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.  
*Refrain*  
Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low  
Fol - low the Star of Beth - le - hem, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.

**T – Trust****U – Unity****V – Visitors****Anthem**

Huron Carol  
The Sanctuary Choir

Terre Johnson

**W – Wonder****X – Xmas****Y – You****Z – Zeal**



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.  
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## Respond to God's Word

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer Following Communion

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

During Advent, members of our church family gathered around this wreath to light candles. The wreath reminds us of the circle of our human community, and the candles illuminate the many ways in which we bring ourselves to Emmanuel — God with us and God coming to us — as we anticipate the birth of Jesus And, in our current pandemic reality, how his rough birth meeting the rough places in our lives with love that is tender and bold.

#### **We light again the Candle of Hope.**

The Christmas story shines hope on our lives.

#### **We light again the Candle of Peace.**

We honor the places where peace finds us and the places where we pray peace may come.

#### **We light again the Candle of Joy.**

We reflect on our celebrations and pray for those feeling loss and loneliness.

#### **We light again the Candle of Love.**

Jesus Christ was born and we are born again into the love of God.

**Tonight, we light the Christ candle.**



On this night, we meet Emmanuel, God coming and with us, who lifts us up and lets us shine.

### Unison Prayer

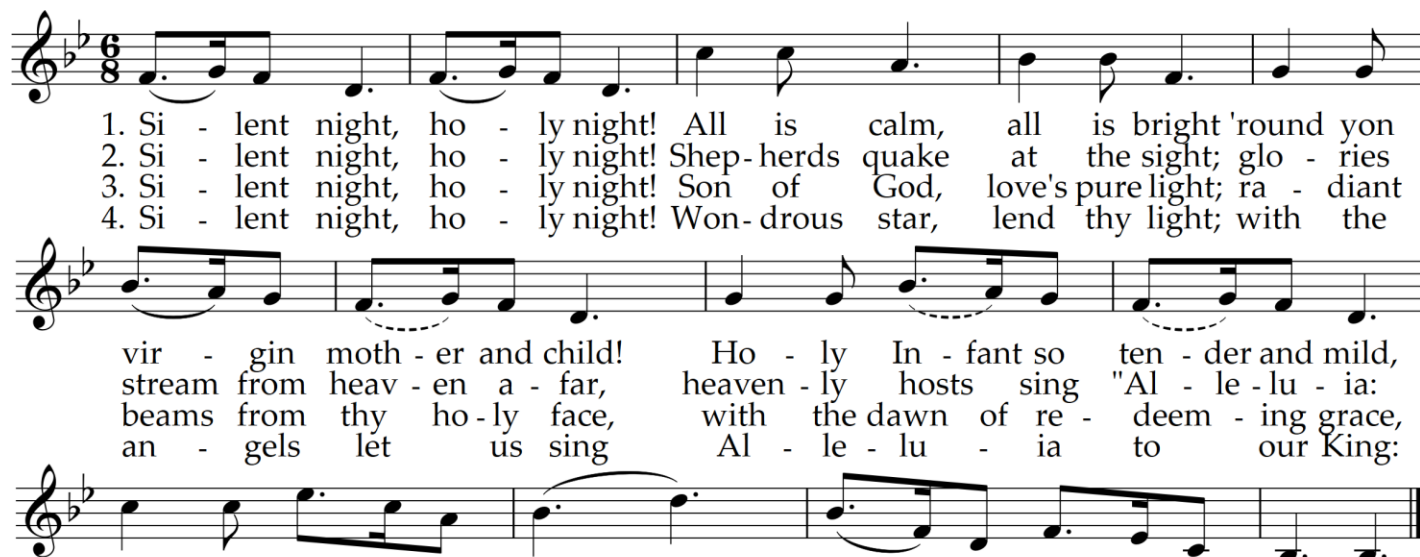
O Holy God the Christ candle shines on smiles and tears, on younger and older. It shines and we hear angels. It shines and we see a manger. It shines and it can never be extinguished. You, O God of eternal love, are the candle tonight; we promise to be your candle tomorrow. Amen.

### Sharing of the Light

#### Hymn #60

#### Silent Night, Holy Night

#### STILLE NACHT



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

vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav - en a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia:  
beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
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 and Blessing of the Children

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

### Postlude

Finale from Organ Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

## Christmas Flowers 2022

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.

### In Loving Memory Of

**Mrs. Lola J. Paulsen and Rachel J. D'Auben, Mother, and Grandmother; and Daughter** given by Pamela J. Paulsen and Family

**Leo and Juanita Oswald, Aloysius and Georgia Sodawasser** given by Kristina Ervin, Patrick and Alexis and Charlotte

**Our Parents; Birc & Jean Bawden, Harlen & Lucille Kardel** given Ron & Susie Kardel

**Anonymous** given by Anonymous

**Robert Francois Sr. & Jeffrey Francois** given by MaryAnn Francois Family

**Christine Johnson and Kathy Price** given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aidan and Keian Price

**Helen and Bill Chapman, my parents** given by Nancy Chapman

**Benjamin P. and Marion Steckel; Joel Steckel; and Darrell Orman** given by Melanie and Jed Steckel Families

**Leslie Fisher, Keith Fisher, Martha Lou Fisher, Ellwyn Henry Schwanz** given by Randy & Kelly Schwanz

**K.C. (Ervin) Griesenbeck** given by Tom & Sue Ervin

**Anna, Delmar, Jack & Amy Snyder** given by Luann Field

**Crystal & Winifred Duckett** given by their Daughters, Angella Whalen, Tecora & (Louis) Murry, Brayden & Kirsten

**Frances & Don Anthony** given by their Granddaughter, Angella Whalen

**Crystal & Winifred (Pooh) Duckett** given by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren, Tessa & (Adam)

Morrison, D.J. & Kayden Whalen, Corralle Whalen, Zach Mitchell, Norah & Luna, Crystal Whalen, Noah Nickel & Brooklyn

**Crystal & Winifred Duckett** given by her Daughter Angella Whalen

**Crystal & Winifred Duckett** given by their Grandchildren Tessa (Adam) Morrison, D.J. & Kayden Whalen Corsalie & (Zach) Whalen & Family, Crystal, Noah (Nickel) & Brooklyn Whalen

**Our Great GrandMother Pat Anthony** given by Tessa (Adam) Morrison, D.J. Whalen & Kayden, Cornalle Whalen, Zach Mitchell, Noah & Luna, Crystal Whalen, Noah Nickel & Brooklyn

**Crystal Dawn Duckett** given by her Son Matthew Munn,

**Francies S. & Donald R. Anthony** given by Grandson Matthew Munn & Family

**Bud & Lorrie Darland** given by Dianna Darland, Theresa & Sean Jacobsmeier & Family

**Don & Marie Cox, Bob Southerland, Emily & Wendall Jacobsmeier** given by Theresa & Sean Jacobsmeier & Family

**Sandy & Mickey Meeks** given by Dianna Darland, Theresa Jacobsmeier & Andrew Darland

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**Jack Stoner, Ellen Stoner, Esther Smith Mercatoris** given by Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**Ken & Joan McKay** given by Daniel and Meredith Ellard

**Rebecca Ann Koos** given by Dick & Bev Koos

### In Honor Of

**Our Families** given by Tom & Sue Ervin

**Hud Stoner & Family** given by Rev. Dr. Stoner - Lasala

**In Thanksgiving** for the privilege of ministering alongside First Pres as Bridging Pastor. given by Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**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.**