



First Presbyterian Church

If you are curious, and have come to see –
If you are weary, and have come to rest –
If you are grateful, and have come to share –
If you are hurting, and have come for solace –
If you are listening, and have come to pray –
If you are seeking, and have come for answers...Welcome!

A Service for the Worship of God

The Season of Advent

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, 11:00 A.M

December 19, 2021

"Hope is the patient and trustful willingness to live without full closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our satisfaction is now at another level, and our Source is beyond ourselves." – Richard Rohr

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*GATHERING SENTENCES;

Leader: Today, we come to give thanks and praise.

People: Today, we come to lift our hands and hearts to the Glory of God.

Leader: Today, we come to sing out, to sing aloud to the wonder of creation.

People: Today, we come and join together to worship in the name of Jesus.

*HYMN #249 (all verses).....*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*MORNING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(HILDA AND WADE JACKSON)

SILENT WAS THE NIGHT

A Christmas Cantata by Lani Smith

Narration by the Rev. William H. Privette

Director: Gregory Bledsoe Accompanist: Keitha Bledsoe

Narrator: Hamp Campbell-Work

Choir:

Soprano

Cheryl Cosson
Hilda Jackson
Joyce Kelly

Alto

Pam Dillon
Ellen McLean

Tenor

Graham Campbell-Work
Jackson Davis

Bass

Mark Davis
David Owens
Jake Powell

First Reading

1. *Silent Was the Night*

Second Reading

2. *The Lord My God My Shepherd Is*

Third Reading

3. *Away in a Manger* solo by Cheryl Cosson

Fourth Reading

4. *The Star*

Fifth Reading

5. *Shepherds Watching, Shepherds Resting*

Sixth Reading

6. *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Seventh Reading

7. *Sleep Holy Babe*

Eighth Reading

8. *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*BENEDICTION (Choir & Congregation).....*I Love Christmas!*

POSTLUDE