

Benediction—*Once In Royal David's City (Hymn 250 v. 4)*

***And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.***

Postlude—*In ducli jubilo - J.S. Bach*

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in memory of loved ones by Kim and Fred Yoak.**

Music—One License A-731491

****Please stand as you are able.**

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

First Sunday after Christmas

10:45 am

December 29, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Glory to God in the Highest*—Pergolesi

Call to Worship

Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

We want him to be safe and sound.

And when something unexpected happens, we are frightened.

We wonder what we should have done differently.

Lord, in this day, help us to remember that God is ever with us.

Let us place our trust in God's loving presence as we grow in our own faith. AMEN.

Opening Hymn 224** —*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Invocation

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—*Psalm 148*

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

Anthem—*The Work of Christmas*—Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples

Scripture Reading—*Luke 2: 41-52*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—“*The Boy Who Will Grow Up*”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 248**—*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—*Little Drummer Boy*—Davis

Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the People/The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 245**—*The First Noel*

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #224, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #248, One This Day the Earth Shall Sing

1. On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o,
gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.
(Refrain)

3. God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.
(Refrain)

4. On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.
(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #245, The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

3. And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
gold and myrrh and frankincense.
(Refrain)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie

Marge Magee

Bob Ahonen

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Joanne Ames

Delores Marefka

Debbie Amundsen

Lee Miller

Mary Ellen Atwood

Lee Minier

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In our greater world: We pray for those who are grieving this season. We pray for Greensburg UMC and Heart 4 The City.