**First Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve December 24, 2022**

**PRELUDE** *Hail, This Brightest Time BWV 605   Bach (1685-1750)*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Micah 5:2-5

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Halleluiah! Christ is born!

**People: Christ is Born! Halleluiah!**

**THE CAROL #133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

The Congregation

**THE FIRST LESSON**  Genesis 3:8-15

*God confronts Adam and Eve.*

**THE CAROL**  *Jesus Christ is the Apple Tree* Poston (1905-1987)

Instrumental Duet

**THE SECOND LESSON**  Genesis 22:15-18

*God’s promise to Abraham*

**THE CAROL #134**  *Joy to the World*  ANTIOCH

The Congregation

**THE THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2-7

*The Savior’s coming is foretold*

**THE CAROL**   *Personent Hodie* from *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

The Choir arr. Holst (1874-1934)

**THE FOURTH LESSON** Micah 5:2-4

*The prophet tells of the glory of Bethlehem*

**THE CAROL** **#121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST.LOUIS

The Congregation

**THE FIFTH LESSON**  Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The Annunciatio*

**THE CAROL**  *Gabriel's Message* Pettman (1886-1943)

The Choir

**THE SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-7

*The birth of Christ*

**THE CAROL #115** *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

The Congregation

**THE SEVENTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-20

*The adoration of the shepherds. The First Noel*

**THE CAROL**  *Rise up Shepherd and Follow* TRADITIONAL

arr. Emerson (b.1951)

**THE EIGHTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11

*The adoration of the wise men*

**THE CAROL** #151  *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

The Congregation

**THE NINTH LESSON** John 1:1-14

*The Word made flesh*

**THE CAROL #108** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM

The Congregation

**THE CANDLELIGHTING** *On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing* SUSSEX CAROL

The Choir

**\* THE HYMN #122** *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE** *Noel Suisse*  d’Aquin (1694-1772)

**\* *Please stand, if able.***

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

UVA: Beth Crickenberger

The Colonnades: Bird Heuchert

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Walt Flora,

Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley.

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen,

Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton),

Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts (Colleen Cash).

Military: Carson Craig