**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS December 31, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *In dulci jubilo Op. 28, no. 41* Dupré (1886-1971)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Precious Little Child Divine* arr. Schroeder (1904-1984)

 Precious little Child divine, yet the Lord’s Anointed:

 Though we be so few and plain, don’t be disappointed.

 Please receive our homage true, God’s own Son, we welcome You,

 Brightest shine the stars and moon than the sun at highest noon.

**ADVENT ANTIPHON**

**Leader:** With Simeon and Anna, let us sing:

People: Our eyes have seen salvation, God’s gift for all people!

**Leader:** Come let us sing God’s praise together.

People: Let us worship the Christ-child born for us!

**\*OPENING HYMN 132** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* In dulci jubilo

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, in your child Jesus Christ our eyes have truly seen your glory, and we have experienced the wonder of your saving power. By your Spirit, send us out in peace, proclaiming good news, sharing the light of your revelation, growing in strength and in wisdom, worshiping night and day, through Christ, your promised Word. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**HYMN 113** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Luke2:22-40 p.833

**ANTHEM** Calypso Carol Perry (1942-1996)

 See him lying on a bed of straw:  a drafty stable with an open door;

Mary cradling the babe she bore the Prince of Glory is his name.

Star of silver, sweep across the skies, show where Jesus in the manger lies;

Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise to see the Savior of the world.

Angels, sing again the song you sang, sing the glory of God’s gracious plan;

Sing that Bethlehem’s little baby can be the Savior of us all.

Refrain: O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of love again:

Just as poor as was the stable then, the Prince of Glory when he came!

Mine are riches from your poverty, from your innocence, eternity;

Mine forgiveness by your death for me, child of sorrow for my joy. [Refrain]

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** READING Galatians 4:4-7 p.947

**REFLECTION** *The Christmas Truce*Patrick S Pettit,Interim Pastor

 **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

**HYMN 147** *The First Nowell* The First Nowell

 stanzas 1, 2 and 4

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*Mendelssohn

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** *In dulci jubilo* BWV 729 Bach (1685-1750)

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

 **Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vC2AWasFtk>



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Linda Sandquist, Mike & Cathy Cunningham

Warner Sandquist

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig

*We are delighted to welcome our friends from Second Presbyterian Church to*

 *worship this morning and are grateful our choirs can combine their talents*

 *for the glory of God. Please join us for a reception following worship in the*

*Barksdale Room*.

