Family Halivity Service



Independent Presbyterian Church Birmingham, Alabama

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PRELUDE

"Past Three O'Clock"

Robert Buckley Farlee

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" verses 1, 3 & 4 ADESTE FIDELES

WELCOME Rev. Newton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Unison: You love us wider than the ocean, God.

But sometimes we forget.

Your peace is calmer than the most quiet night, God.

But sometimes our minds are noisy.

You want us to love our neighbors taller than the trees, God.

But sometimes we only love them a little bit.

Forgive us, God. Help us to love like you-tall and wide.

And help us share your peace in the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(A period of silence for personal confession.)

*THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

*GLORIA PARTI

Glory be to the Father, and to the son and to the Holy ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Sung Response: "Come Lord Jesus



The Great Light (Isaiah 9:2)

The Names (Isaiah 9:6)

The Mother (Isaiah 7:14)

The City (Micah 5:2)

The Star and Scepter (Number 24:17)

ANTHEM

"Somebody 's Talkin' 'bout Jesus" Terry D. Taylor IPC's Children's Nativity Choir

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY STORY

Our Journey to Bethlehem

Hymn 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" verse 1 ST. LOUIS (Children in the congregation may come forward during the hymn and sit in front of the chancel steps.)

Jesus is Born

Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger" verse 1

MUELLER

The Shepherds
The Angels

The First Christmas

Hymn 122 "Silent Night" verse 1 STILLE NACHT (Children from the congregation may return to their seats during the hymn.)

LITANY FOR AFFIRMATION

Leader: Joy to the world!

People: The Lord has come!

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & 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 lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 134 "Joy to the World" verse 1 &4 ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" C. Saint-Saens



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NATIVITY STORY comes from the publication "Equipping for...Worship" from the Presbyterian Church of Canada. "Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Worship" by Rev. Sarah Travis.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Euell E. McCoy (Evelyn Glass). **THE WREATH** in the chancel is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crockard & Mrs. Donald McCormick **THE FLOWERS** in the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of all past and present ministry personnel.

THE BEAUTIFUL CRECHE displayed in the Parlor is made possible through the generosity of Robin and Jim Sulzby. IPC is grateful to Robin and her family for sharing this gift each Advent season.

SPRING CHILDREN'S MUSICAL rehearsals will begin Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm. "It's Cool in the Furnace" tells the timeless story of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. All children K-6th are encouraged to join in the fun. Register below.



THE ENTIRE STAFF of Independent Presbyterian Church would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year filled with joy and peace.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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IPC Children's Nativity Choir

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