

# Family Nativity 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





# 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 & Mr. & 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

Rev. D. Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Jeffrey R. McLelland, Director of Music & Fine Arts  
Kim Bain, Clarinet & Flute  
Beth Middleton, Director of Children’s Ministries  
Sarah Scruggs, Assistant Director of Children’s Ministries  
IPC Children’s Nativity Choir

Acolytes:

Stephen Tribble, Anne Pringle & Bob Pringle