



# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 | 10:00 am**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**Prelude**

*3 Noels*  
Lorraine Brugh, organ

César Franck

**Lighting of the Candles**

Lia Jensen

**Words of Welcome**

Wes Avram

**\*Call to Worship**

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*  
Congregation

**Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!**

**\* Opening Hymn**

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*

No. 57

**1 The snow lay on the ground; the stars shone bright,  
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.**

**Venite adoremus Dominum.**

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**3 And thus that manger poor became a throne;  
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.**

**O come, then, let us join the heavenly host**

**to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Venite adoremus Dominum.**

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**2 'Twas gentle Mary maid, so young and strong,  
who welcomed here the Christ-child with a song.**

**She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;**

**the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.**

**Venite adoremus Dominum.**

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Prayer of Adoration

Gwendolyn Jensen

Call to Confession

Wes Avram

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Wes Avram

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, bearing our sin, forgiving our transgressions, restoring our hope for tomorrow. In the name of the one who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forgive us. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

\* Congregational Response

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

No. 23, refrain

\* Passing of the Peace

Wes Avram

Children's Message

Hillary Mackowski

Choral Response

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Our Common Life

Wes Avram

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Offertory

Musical Offering

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Lorraine Brugh, piano

No. 38, vs. 1, 4

No. 36, vs. 1, 2

1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
From heaven's all-gracious King":  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hastening on,  
By prophets bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

1 In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan;  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,  
nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter  
a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

\* Doxology (unison, *The First Nowell*, No. 56)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**Scripture**

Luke 2:25-40

Michael Hegeman

**Sermon**

*Faith, Hope, Love, and Joy in a Post-Christmas World*

Michael Hegeman

**Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

No. 23

1 *Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

3 *Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

2 *Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

The Charge

Michael Hegeman

Sending Music

*Sing With Joy, Glad Voices Lift*  
Lorraine Brugh, organ

Hermann Schroeder

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

## *Notes of Interest*

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**About the Lord's Prayer:** In response to our completed worship series, with emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are using the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, in today's service. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

## *Prayer Requests*

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Myrna, with shingles;*
- *For Craig & Michelle, both with COVID;*
- *For Bruce's recovery from brain surgery and a good biopsy report;*
- *For Monette, with an injury due to a fall;*
- *For Susan, diagnosed with colon cancer;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at [prayer@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:prayer@pinnaclepres.org) or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

# Scripture

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## Luke 2:25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

## The Return to Nazareth

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)