



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of Lynn Haven*



**-MORNING WORSHIP-**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**January 2, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY  
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST



## Welcome to all who gather to worship this day!

It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, scan the QR code or visit [www.firstchurchlh.org](http://www.firstchurchlh.org) and subscribe to our weekly email.

### - About the Service -

**Each worship service is filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website. Please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!**

The People's words are in **bold text**. \*Indicates that the congregation may stand.

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship.



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*a member congregation of:*

The Presbytery of Florida,  
The Synod of South Atlantic, and  
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*The Session (spiritual leaders of the church):*

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**

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Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Steve Gabbard, Wanda Wallace**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

“I Wonder as I Wander”

John Jacob Niles, arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

## CHIMING THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 72)

*Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor  
with justice.*

*May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in  
righteousness.*

*May the king defend the cause of the poor of the people and give  
deliverance to the needy.*

*In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound.*

### \*HYMN

“The First Nowell” (stanzas 1-3)

1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:*

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

## OPENING PRAYER

God with us, we praise you for Immanuel, born into the world. Your Word became flesh and lives among us. As we worship this day, may we welcome and receive Christ into our lives once more. And, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we walk in his light as we minister to others. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## PIANO PRAISE

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro Yon

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MESSAGE

“Which King Do We Worship?”

Rev. James Huffaker

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SOLO

“How Many Kings”

J. Germain, M. Martel

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & 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.

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

\*HYMN

“The First Nowell” (stanzas 4-6)

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain:*  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

\*POSTLUDE

“I Saw Three Ships”

English carol, 17<sup>th</sup> c., arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 2 -

**Happy New Year!** Today we welcome The Rev. James Huffaker to FPC. Jim and his wife Almeda reside in Lynn Haven. Pastor Lisa is in Knoxville, TN, having officiated the New Year's Day wedding of her namesake niece (Abbie Lisa). Pastor Lisa returns to the office on Tuesday.

**Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.** Please make sure to get your cups of bread and juice prior to the service. Everyone is welcome to receive "the gifts of God for the people of God".

**Senior Adult Ministry Update:** The Session has voted to increase our monthly gift card for an anonymous Lynn Haven senior citizen to \$50.00 beginning this month. In addition, we will be giving this financially insecure female a gift basket for Epiphany. Some of her preferences from Family Service Agency which facilitates the Adopt a Senior program are: audio books about nature, the Holy Land, zoos; soft candy; greeting cards; blank cards; Dove and Ivory skincare products; lily of the valley; and the colors violet and blue. Please place your donations – unwrapped – on the front pew closest to the Sanctuary Parlor by next Sunday, Jan. 9. Thank you for being a blessing in this special way!

**Devotional booklets for January-March** are located in the Narthex. Please take and enjoy; and take some to share! These booklets are gifts from the session.

**Contribution Statements for 2021 will be mailed soon!** Thank you for your generous support of First Church and our many ministries. Those who made donations online will receive an email from the Presbyterian Foundation. Beginning this year, contribution statements will be emailed quarterly.



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