



## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.  
Kirksville, MO

December 7, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent/White Gift Service

### We Gather to Worship

Prelude		Sam Pratt
The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		
Welcome		
Special Music	<i>“Look Toward Christmas,”</i> by Carlton Young	Adult Choir
*Call to Worship		Sam Pratt
John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still. <b>Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God’s reign of justice and love.</b>		
*Gathering Prayer		Sam Pratt
*Hymn 133	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	PYF Musicians, Accom.
Advent Candle Lighting		Razo Family
Hymn	<i>“A Candle is Burning”</i> (verse 1-2)	See Insert PYF Musicians, Accom.
Call to Confession		Dominic Hull
Prayer of Confession		Dominic Hull
<b>Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</b>		
Silent Confession		Dominic Hull
Words of Assurance		Dominic Hull



**catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Paul Yoder

**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.**

Opportunities for Ministry

Paul Yoder

**Pantry for Adair County** - PAC is collecting for its annual Blessing Boxes they hand out in December to all families visiting the pantry. Their goal is 600 boxes which costs around \$9,000. Any monetary donations above the \$9,000 will be used to buy food for the pantry. We are also doing the monthly collection of Peanut Butter.

**Church Office Closure** - The church office remains closed at this time, but please feel free to call Becky on her cell phone or reach her via the church email: [office@presbykv.org](mailto:office@presbykv.org).

**Poinsettias** - If you would like a poinsettia in memory of someone, please let Becky know. If I don't hear from you, it will not be included on the poinsettia memorial insert. The cost will be \$10/poinsettia.

**Christmas Joy Offering** - It's our goal to assist church workers and their families in their time of critical, financial need and students of color in their time of promise — opening doors for healing and doors for opportunity. If you wish to donate, please put your donation in a pew envelope labeled Joy Offering or put Joy Offering in the memo section of your check. For more information visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>. The last Sunday to donate to this offering will be December 28th.

**Needed: Christmas Elves:** To help with the Christmas Shoppe, December 10-13 at First Presbyterian Church. There are various tasks and times to be able to help. If you are unable to volunteer for the event we will have other tasks you can help with, such as donating items or helping prepare kits for distribution. If you need further information please see Brenda Martin or Becky Shirk.

Offering and White Gift Presentation

Paul Yoder

Hymn 147     *"The First Nowell"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Paul Yoder

\*Hymn 136     *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

PYF Musicians, Accom.

**We Depart to Serve**

\*Charge and Blessing

Dominic Hull

\*Sung Benediction     *"Ding Dong Merrily on High,"* arr. Charles Gran

Adult Choir

2nd Sunday of Advent/White Gift Service

Postlude

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, December 7 - White Gift Service**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Tuesday, December 9**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Open to General Public;

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

**Wednesday, December 10**

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 13**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe

**Sunday, December 14 - Dr. Paul Yoder**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Tuesday, December 16**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

**Wednesday, December 17**

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 18**

2:00 p.m. - Presby Women

**Saturday, December 20**

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Open to General Public

**Attendance November 30, 2025**

In person – 16

Online – 5

**Church Office Hours This Week**

Church office closed

**December Food of the Month for PAC**

Blessing Boxes

**Fellowship Time**

Today - First Feast

Next Sunday - Youth Sunday School

## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

## **A Candle is Burning**

**sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"**

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, A  
candle of HOPE in November's dark night  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE, A  
candle to signal that conflict must cease For  
Jesus is coming to show us the way  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy Our  
hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE, A  
candle to point us to heaven above  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame Our  
Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim O  
Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night  
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-B2-E2, A2-B2-C3, B-flat2-C3-D3, and C3-E3-G3.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody with quarter notes on D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note on G5. The accompaniment features chords: D3-E3-F3, E3-F3-G3, D3-F3-A3, and E3-G3-B3.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues with quarter notes on A5, B5, and C6, followed by a half note on D6. The accompaniment features chords: A3-B3-C4, B3-C4-D4, A3-C4-E4, and B3-D4-F4.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes with quarter notes on E6, F6, and G6, followed by a half note on A6. The accompaniment features chords: E3-F3-G4, F3-G4-A4, E3-G4-B4, and F3-A4-C5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

The image shows a musical score for the piece "Jesus Christ: Birth". It consists of two staves, a vocal line on top and a piano accompaniment line on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

## The First Nowell



1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop



their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.



## Refrain



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / nē*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

A musical score for the phrase "born is the King of Israel." The score is written on two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some notes in the bass staff. The lyrics "born is the King of Israel." are written below the treble staff. The music consists of several measures with various note values and rests, including some beamed notes and a final double bar line.

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*

## 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♪} = \text{♪}^3 \text{♪}$ 

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.