

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

9:30 am

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## First Sunday of Christmas Do it Yourself Christmas Pageant



### **We Gather**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind,

**to see what has come to pass.**

Let us go with the shepherds:

**Let us go to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones:

**Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Let us go with the poor and humble:

**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Let us go with all the world,

**with all the peoples of the nations.**

Come, let us worship;

come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

~ from "The Gift of Joy: Isaiah 12" posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian

\*Hymn#132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Opening prayer

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

Our souls magnify the Lord;

With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations

Our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

Your mercy is to those who fear you from generation to generation.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You are our God and the Rock of our salvation. Amen

~ written by R. Victor Klassen

Introduction to "Do it yourself Pageant"

(giving out roles and instructions)

## **We Reflect**

Telling the Story Together

Act 1 Herald, Joseph and Mary  
Song#114 "Away in the Manger"

Act 2 Angels and Shepherds  
Song#118 "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks" vs  
1-2

Act 3 Shepherds, Mary Joseph and Baby  
Song#113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs 2-3

Act 4 Herod and Magi  
Song#151 "We Three Kings" vs 1-2

Act 5 the Magi, Mary, Joseph and the Baby  
Song#151 "We Three Kings" vs 3-4

## **We Respond**

Offering invitation and prayer

Song#151 "We Three Kings" vs 5

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Emmanuel, You are with us.**

**Holy, Holy is your name.**

**The fullness of Your reign is coming soon.**

**Your deepest longings**

**soon to be done here among us**

**as among all who expect You.**

**Give us in this moment the strength**

**we need to keep waiting.**

**Forgive us our sin.  
Enable us to forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not test us beyond our power to endure.  
But in your loving mercy  
deliver us through the darkness.  
For in Your coming all creation may experience  
Your Holy Power and Constant Love  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #134 "Joy to the World" 1&4

### \*Charge and Benediction

May all wonder find a place in your soul  
and dance with you unexpected steps;  
May all joy be at home within your heart  
and weave a sacred rhythm throughout your life;  
May unsolved mysteries make your life an adventure  
and pull you towards unknown places waiting for you  
since the very beginning;  
May God the Creator, Christ, and Spirit be your  
forever-companion and cradle you, strengthen you and  
love you always.

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

*(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)*

## POSTLUDE

**\*Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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