



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
DECEMBER 28, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

H. T. Smart/F. Bock

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"

Appalachian Carol/M. Ham

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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."

People: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we, too, have come to worship Jesus the Messiah: the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Leader: When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down, paid him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

People: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, O God.

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***OPENING HYMN #143**

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Christmas, we would never have thought to find your Savior in an innocent baby. We confess we would have expected a warrior with a great army. We would not have thought to find your kingdom to be one of service, obedience and humility. We confess we would have expected, maybe even wanted, a kingdom that reflected our own values and self-interests. Lord, forgive us when we quickly leave Christmas behind and neglect to live lives worthy of our calling as followers of our Lord, the Prince of Peace. By your Holy Spirit, help us turn to you and live according to the values of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please Stand

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"**

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Isaiah 63:7-9

SOLO

"I Wonder As I Wander"

Arr. Stephen Harlos

Dr. Jeffrey Snider, baritone

Cristian Humberto Garcia, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (from the Psalms)

Psalms 148

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Matthew 2:12-23

SERMON

"Planning to Remember"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please Stand

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(From The Confession of 1967)*

All: In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

Please Be Seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Once again, we have been comforted by the story of Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. We have taken heart when we again heard the news that a Savior was born for us in Bethlehem. We have enjoyed the celebrations and the giving and receiving of gifts.

People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Christmas.

Pastor: And yet, Lord, we know Christmas comes in a world in which there is not much peace, joy and goodwill. Rulers use their power to get rid of anyone and anything that threatens their control. Innocent children suffer and die. So many people live with injustice every day. Death seems to have the final word.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, we pray for our world that needs to hear the good news of Christmas. We pray you will give us the courage and strength to be witnesses to our Savior, not just in what we say but especially in how we live. Help us remember and share the joy of Christmas throughout the year. During this Christmas season, may we not forget to share the love you have so freely given in Jesus Christ. Guide us in all we do that we may respond with compassion to those in need.

People: Give us courage, strength and wisdom to serve your people, O Lord.

Pastor: Help us be a church that takes the good news of Jesus Christ beyond the walls and traditions and safety of our buildings. Help us always to put our trust in our Lord who says, "Follow me." We love you, Lord. Show us how to love others with the same grace and love you have given us in Jesus Christ. And now, as your beloved children, we are bold to pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN #136**

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL“ (sing once)**

*“O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!”*

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Fanfare on “Adeste Fidelis”

J. F. Wade/S. E. Rogers

Participants in worship:

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