



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICHITA FALLS

December 12, 2021

## A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | The Donnell Family

*Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE | Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus, No. 151 (see p. 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*Time for silent prayer and confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid." Isaiah 12:2*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE | Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus, No. 151

\*SONG OF HOPE & TRUST | When the King Comes

Charles Wesley

Rowland Hugh Prichard

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect to - ed Je - sus, born to a  
2. Born Thy peo - ple free; from our fears reign and in sins re -  
set child Thy peo - ple free; from our fears reign and in sins re -  
child and yet a King, born to reign in us for -  
lease us; let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's  
ev - er, now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine  
Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the  
own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our  
earth Thou art; dear De - sire of ev - 'ry  
hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf - fi - cient  
na - tion, Joy of us ev - 'ry long glo - ing heart.  
mer - it, raise of us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*The earth will shake and the mountains run  
Everything that gets in the way  
Will be undone  
When the kingdom comes  
Prepare the way*

*When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom  
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When the King comes so does the kingdom*

*The church will rise a spotless bride  
Ready for the King who awaits  
Steal every eye  
Wipe every tear  
He is coming here*

*When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom*

*Prepare the way prepare the way  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
Let's make the path straight  
(Repeat)*

*When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom  
When the King comes so does the kingdom*

*All children are welcome to come to the front for a kid friendly message following the Song of Hope and Trust.*

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Luke 3:7-18 p. 858 in pew Bible

“Prepare for Joy: Practical Preparations” | Rev. Michael Hansen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God’s redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at [myfirstpres.org/giving](http://myfirstpres.org/giving) or text “give” to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM | Wonderful Peace

Gustaf Nordqvist

Peace, peace, wonderful peace,  
peace to the world is given.  
Hushed are the angels so still is the night;  
Then in the East shone a heavenly light.  
Join in the chorus, His praises sing!  
Glory to God, to the newly born King.

Peace, peace, bearer of peace,  
men of good will receive Him.  
Holiest of nights, O most wond’rous of days;  
Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.  
Join in the chorus, His praises sing!  
Glory to God, to the newly born King.

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*AFFIRMATION 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN | God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, No. 166 (see p. 6)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Thou of God the Father

J. S. Bach

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

\*SENDING HYMN | God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, No. 166

English Carol, 18th century

English Melody, 18th century



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day;  
and with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;



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# Announcements

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## EVERYONE

### Interfaith Needs for December

- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed potatoes

There are drop off bins outside of the church office and inside the door of the Atrium.

### One Starry Night

An interactive Advent event for families! Sunday, December 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. An opportunity for your family to experience a special night in Bethlehem. Dinner will be served and your family can walk through the tents in Bethlehem and hear about the night our Savior was born (crafts, goodies, stories and more!)

### A Night of Christmas Joy

On Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 PM. A family fun evening of Christmas music, light refreshments, and a walk through the Fantasy of Lights!!

### Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24th 6:00 PM

### A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 26th 10:30 AM

## MINISTRY STAFF

**Michael Hansen**, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

**Michael Morris**, Assistant Pastor/  
Director of Student Ministries

**Lance Hargis**, Director of Music

**Dustin Fike**, Director of Contemporary Music

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Current Period	Year To Date
Total Income	\$82,663	\$886,407
Total Expense	\$77,673	\$867,967
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,990	\$18,440

*Period Ending November 30, 2021*

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