



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Bob Eubanks

*HYMN 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Glory to God Hymnal

OPENING SENTENCES

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

All: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

HYMN 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Glory to God Hymnal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Beloved in Christ, it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us hear again from the holy scriptures the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus’ heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time, let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who do not know the Lord Jesus, or do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, and we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

Adam and Eve Disobey God

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

HYMN 121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

God’s Promise to Abraham

Genesis 22:15-18

HYMN 88

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE THIRD LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

A Great Light in the Darkness

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN 123

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE FOURTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

A Little Child Will Lead Them

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

HYMN 129

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE FIFTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

An Angel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-35, 38

HYMN 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE SIXTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

Mary Gives Birth in Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 114

“Away in a Manger”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

Angels Announce the Messiah

Luke 2:8-16

HYMN 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

Magi Come from the East

Matthew 2:1-11

HYMN 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Glory to God Hymnal

THE NINTH LESSON

Lector: Here ends the lesson.

And The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-14

HYMN 122

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Glory to God Hymnal

CALL FOR OFFERING

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: All creation teems with the abundance of God's provision: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, creeping things and flying birds! Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy, for God has lifted us up and carried us in our need. In joyful praise we offer to God a portion of all we have received.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 609

Glory to God Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 134

"Joy to the World"

Glory to God Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always.

All: Alleluia!

Liturgist: Go forth in peace and joy.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Shelley Miller
Ushers..... Bedford Chapman, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller, Teresa Brittain
Greeters Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller
Tech Team Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins
Faithful Friends (Children's Worship)..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb
Nursery Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez

OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor The Rev. Susan Balfour
Church Administrator..... Ashton Hicks
Director of Music Bob Eubanks
Accompanist Nancy Wells
Nursery Staff Laura Marquez & Laurismar Wrinkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CORE Donations: This week we are collecting donations of snacks for students of Ftn. City Elementary. Donations of snacks (no nuts) may be placed in the donation bins in the office hallway.

Sanctuary Flowers this week are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Bill Phifer who served as choir director of Fountain City Presbyterian Church for many years,

Twelfth Night Celebration: Join us after worship on the last Sunday after Christmas, January 4th for a farewell to Christmas celebration in our Fellowship Hall. The afternoon is sure to be a great time with food, drinks, games and of course king cake!

Family Promise: As we begin a New Year, we have the privilege to serve up to four families in the Family Promise Program during the week of January 5-11. Whether you have volunteered many times or have interest in serving for the first time, there is an important and meaningful role you can fill. Please sign up for the day, time, and task of your preference on Realm by scanning the QR code above.

Women of Hope Bible Study will return for brunch on Tuesday, December 30th at 10:30.

Upcoming Office Hours: Our office will be closed this week and will reopen on Monday, January 5.

JARZHEIT

1/1/78 Mary Weinreich, 12/31/81 Gordon Witt, 1/1/82 Robert Henderson, 12/30/85 Mrs. Elmer Sienknecht, 12/29/88 Anne Sims Hobt Payne, 12/28/90 Lona Elliott, 12/29/01 Ralph Lufkin, 1/1/04 Kaye Rose, 12/29/05 Lavenne Scott, 1/2/09 Frances Hixon, 1/3/10 Zack Kennard, 12/31/20 Bob Collier, 1/3/22 Nina Wyrick, 12/29/24 Annette Myers Merritt, 12/31/24 Donald Lucas

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/30 Cathy Forester, 12/30 Dave & Tracye Robertson

