



**Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2025
11 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel**

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Called to make fully-devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

Christ our God Incarnate Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

THE WORDS OF PREPARATION

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

THE PRELUDE

Kathy Wilson

THE WELCOME AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wambugu

Psalm 96 (Worship in the Splendor of Holiness)

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness. Amen!

◆ THE CAROLS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:7

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide men to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of Your Word. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord ...*(in silence)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God of power, praise you, Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We thank You for the prophet's hope, the angel's son, for the birth in Bethlehem. We thank You that in Jesus you joined, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to You for Your wonderful love. Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords and King of Kings forever. Amen!

◆ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* of Christ be with you; **and also with you!**

THE SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-20

THE CAROL

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavn'ly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

THE TESTIMONY

Sharing of Christmas Joys, Testimonies and Concerns

THE CAROLS

O come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light, lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heav'n reflect Your rays, stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise; field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our brother, let Your light upon us shine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

THE HOMILY

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THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

THE OFFERTORY

THE CAROLS

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world; the Lord is come; let Earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing.**

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns; our mortal songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.

Go, Tell it on The Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens

there shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

◆ THE BENEDICTION

◆ THE POSTLUDE