

# THE SERVICE of Worship

January 3, 2021  
Second Sunday after Christmas  
10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON  
established 1870

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Star-Child”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

Carlton R. Young

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

*Written by Rev. Anna George Traynham*

Come, hear the Christmas news:

**Jesus Christ is born!**

Come, sing the Christmas story:

**Jesus Christ is born!**

Come, worship the Christmas child.

**Jesus Christ is born!**

### CAROL | “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Glory to God 133*

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!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

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**O Holy One,**

**forgive us when we fail to live in the good news of your Christmas story:**

**when we hear the choir sing, “Rejoice!” but we do not join their chorus;**

**when we know the angels say, “Do not fear,” yet fear is all we can muster;**

**when we see a star rising in the east, but we turn away from its light.**

**Forgive us, O Lord,**

**of the sins of our lives and the sins of the systems we fail to disrupt.**

**Convict us with the cry of a child from a manger, and free us to try again.**

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!  
You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Rev. Jessie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 1 - 18

SERMON

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

CAROL | "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Glory to God 119*

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 host 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 in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27*

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
the Word of God incarnate,  
to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique  
and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures,  
which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Holy Child"  
Peter Tiggelaar, Soloist

Easthope Martin

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you..

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER | Unison

**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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

A. W. Leupold

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