

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

January 2, 2022

## Music

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

### \*Call to Worship

*Women:* **Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

*Men:* **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

*All:* **Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted. But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. We shall mount up with wings like eagles. We shall run and not be weary. We shall walk and not be faint. Come let us worship in spirit and truth.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 166 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

### \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord we are a stiff-necked people. If things are not done in our favor, at our timing, for our good pleasure, then it must be wrong. It is out of our fear, impatience and stubbornness that we make really bad decisions; that not only hurts us but others and most importantly our relationship with you. It is in these moments of clarity that we can see clearly your love and your ultimate plan for us and our journeys through the wilderness. Please be patient with us and give us the assurance of your continued forgiveness, even when we do not deserve it. In Jesus name we ask.**

### Silent Individual Confession

#### \*The Assurance of Pardon

**God is forgiving. Even though our actions create great pain, and strain our relationship. God is bigger and more compassionate than we can ever comprehend. God not only forgives but also restores us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** 546

## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1) God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ, our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

2) From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

3) "Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior,  
The true and radiant light,  
To free all those who trust in him  
From Satan's pow'r and might."  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

4) Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And in true love and fellowship  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
Is filled with heav'nly grace.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

## 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.

## Affirmation of Faith

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Children's Message

**Special Music**                      **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

**First Scripture Reading**              **Isaiah 63:7-9**

**\*Hymn of Preparation 164**        *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

## Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer 12**

## Offering

**Offertory**                                      *We Three Kings*

**Doxology 544**

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

## Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson**                      **Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

**Sermon**                                      **"Hope Settles In"**

**\* Hymn of Response 174**        *As With Gladness Men of Old*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, Little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging, Angels singing,  
Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new.  
Saw the glory, Heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing Greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

## As With Gladness Men of Old

1. As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.