

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LITTLE ROCK, AR  
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP



The Gift of Christmas in Story and Song  
December 25, 2022  
11am

OPENING GATHERING MUSIC-

GREETING AND WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

For happy days, Gatherings of friends and family,  
Gifts given and received, Greetings exchanged,  
Cards sent and friendships renewed,  
*We thank and praise you.*

For special food and drink, For decorations and bright lights, For holidays and games and music  
and laughter,  
*We thank and praise you.*

But above all, for the gift of your Son, For his coming in love, born into poverty  
to call us to you, to walk with us in our journeys of faith – For this above all today  
*We thank and praise you.*

As we meet here, give us eyes to see him, ears to hear his call, and hearts to respond in love.  
In his name we pray, Amen

CAROL: 134 Joy to the World (vs 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:7-8

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING

SHARING OF CHRISTMAS PEACE (Passing of the Peace)

Leader: Luke says, that the angels came announcing good news... of peace and good will  
to all people. In Christ we have been given the gift of peace. Let us share this  
gift of peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN MATTHEW 1:18-25

CAROL SING – (1<sup>st</sup> verse of 4 requested Carols)

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN LUKE: Luke 2:1-20

## CHRISTMAS STORIES

CAROL: 140- Once in Royal David's City

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

A reading: "Presents"

Offering

The Choral Gift: "Christmas Day" sung by our choir, by Gustav Holst

Prayer of Dedication

Sung Response:

*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*

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## CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Closing Prayer

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

CAROL 136- Go Tell it On the Mountain

### SENDING/BLESSING

Sung Response:

*Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!*

*2. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest forever more.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!*

## POSTLUDE