

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLACKSBURG, VA
December 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP* – *(adapted from Psalm 148)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all his angels; Praise God, all his host!

Praise God, sun and moon; Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let all praise the name of the Lord, For God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

"Come Little Children" – Marya Katz and Jack Webster

AWAY FROM THE MANGER (a skit adapted from a Contemporary Drama Service Play)

CAST

Narrator – Jack Webster	Reporter – Sandi Webster	Shepherd – Lisa Garcia	Wise Person – Joe Hunnings
Stars – Rachel and Mark Frimpong	Innkeeper's Wife – Kay Hunnings	Barn Animals – Frieda and Charles Bostian	
Musicians – Charles Bostian, Pat Fullen, Marya Katz, Jack Webster			

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (#118, v. 1)

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.**

"We Three Kings" (#151, v. 1)

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child" (#158)

**Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.**

**Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.**

**Truth of our life, Mary's Child, you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child, shown on your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world, Mary's Child, you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child, walk in our streets again.**

"Away in a Manger" (#115, v. 1-2)

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, 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.**

CLOSING SONG - "Joy to the World" (#134)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

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

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!

Thanks to our musicians, Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge, and to all our actors, directors,
props and sets folks, and our audio and video folks.

*To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior, And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*