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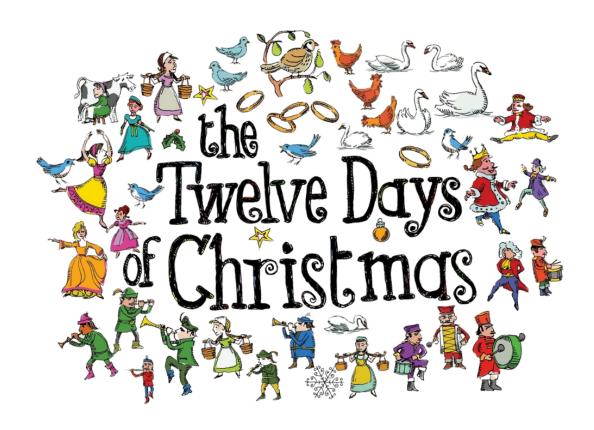
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Service of Worship for the First Sunday of Christmas



FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Elizabeth Martinson and Kim Whitefield. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Brody Brown, with AV support by Chris Mallari. Our service is streamed at *Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch* and at *Facebook.com/FanwoodPres*.

WAYS TO GIVE

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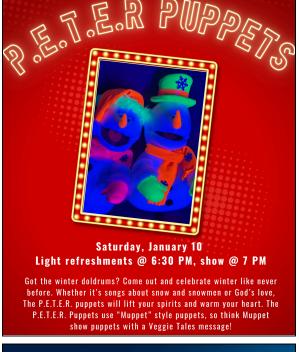
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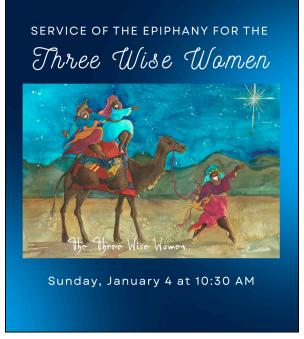
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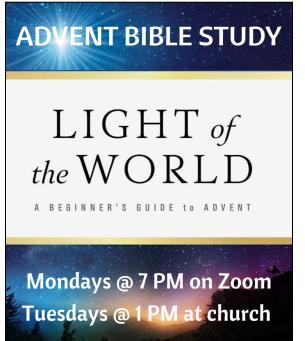
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GATHERING

PRELUDE Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
Twelve Drummers Drumming, Eleven Pipers Piping,
Ten Lords a Leaping, Nine Ladies Dancing,
Eight Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming,
Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings,
Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens,
Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree!

CHIMING OF THE BELL & CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts, not because the world is good and last week was awesome, but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

All: O come let us worship and raise our hands, not because our lives are all sweetness and light, but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light of Christ.

One: O come let us worship and bow down, not because God gives us what we want, but because God gives us what we need – the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.

All: Let us worship God together!

* OPENING HYMN #53 "What Child is This"

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely, and buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, and free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #23 "Gloria!" refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER



THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Partridge in a Pear Tree** Matthew 23:37 - Jesus Christ

THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Two Turtle Doves** 1 Timothy 4:13 - Old and New Testaments

HYMN #56 "The First Nowell" verses 1 & 2

THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Three French Hens** Matthew 2:1-2, 11 - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: Four Calling Birds John 21:24-25 - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

HYMN #56 "The First Nowell" verses 3 & 4

THE FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Five Golden Rings** Luke 24:25-27 - The Pentateuch

THE SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Six Geese A-Laying** Genesis 1:31–2:1 - Six Days of Creation

HYMN #56 "The First Nowell" verses 5 & 6

THE SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Seven Swans A-Swimming** 1 Corinthians 12:4-5 - Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

THE EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Eight Maids A-Milking** Matthew 5:3-10 - The Beatitudes

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Christmas Offering"

Brody Brown, Liz Smith

THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Nine Ladies Dancing**Galatians 5:22-23a - The Fruits of the Spirit

THE TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Ten Lords A-Leaping** Matthew 5:17-19 - The Ten Commandments

THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Eleven Pipers Piping** Matthew 28:16-20 - The Eleven Faithful Disciples

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS: **Twelve Drummers Drumming** Ephesians 4:25 - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" to the tune of "O Tannenbaum" or "O Christmas Tree"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration!

SENDING

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Luyang Liu