



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS | DECEMBER 18, 2022

Presented by the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Madison Academic Advanced Choirs
Directed by Helen Redding and Lindsey Patterson

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Worship the Lord with gladness, and enter God's presence with songs of joy. O God, the angels of heaven proclaim your glory without ceasing. Help us as we serve you in your house, that in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing to you with our whole heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on DER TAG, DER IST SO FREUNDENREICH* Bach
Dr. Terry McRoberts

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 150)) *Rev. John White*

One: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty heavens.

ALL: *Praise God for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.*

One: Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

ALL: *Praise God with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,*

One: Praise God with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

ALL: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Harbert, Tausha, Ridley, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Mary Harbert Alexander*

RESPONSE (all singing, refrain only from Hymn: 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, Jon Chesley Dennison II (see insert) *Rev. John White*
HYMN: 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (stanza 1) **KINGDOM**
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

OFFERING *Rev. John White*
OFFERTORY *Gloria for the Flutes* Jordan
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606) **OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

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

*Dedicatory Prayer *Rev. John White*

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(At this time, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to Children's Church in the Education Building. **An adult will escort the children.** After worship, parents may pick their children up in the Education Building downstairs in the nursery hallway. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)



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<i>Glory Halleluiah to the Newborn King</i>	arr. M. Butler
Madison Advanced Choirs	
<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	arr. H. Simeone
First Presbyterian Chancel Choir	
<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Ukraine folk song arr. P.J. Wilhousky
First Presbyterian Chancel Choir	
<i>Some Children See Him</i>	A. Burt
Susannah White, soloist	
<i>Pacem Noel</i>	arr. Clark/Moses
Madison Advanced Choirs	
<i>Mary's Boy Child</i>	J. Hairston
Jeff Chambers	
<i>The Work of Christmas</i>	D. Forrest
First Presbyterian Chancel Choir	
<i>Star of Bethlehem</i>	arr. K. Christopher
Combined Men's Ensemble	
<i>O Holy Night</i>	A. Adam
Millie Treadway, Colton Moore, soloists	
<i>Were You There on that Christmas Night?</i>	N. Sleeth
Combined Women's Ensemble	

**Congregation standing, if able*

In the Bleak Midwinter

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Macey Berry, soloist

arr. M. Hayes

Silent Night

Madison Advanced Choirs

Gruber/Mohr

Halleluiah Chorus

Combined Choirs

G. F. Handel



SENDING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Postlude on O Come, All Ye Faithful
Dr. Terry McRoberts

McDonald