



WITH

*Harp and Voice*

GIVE PRAISE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
DECEMBER 21, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

# Lord's Day Vespers

## EVENING VESPERS MEDITATION

*There is never enough singing.*

MARTIN LUTHER



### CALL TO PREPARATION

Rev. Kurt Cooper

### HARP PRELUDE

*The First Noel*  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
*Dona Nobis Pacem*

THE FIRST NOEL  
PICARDY, arr. Gaudet  
Traditional, arr. Bennett

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation reads bold type*)

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Cooper

### † HYMN 147

*The First Noel*

THE FIRST NOEL

### HARP ENSEMBLE

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
*Away in a Manger*

CRANHAM, arr. Peck  
MUELLER, arr. Peck

### HYMN 171

*Oh, Come Little Children*

SCHULZ

**HARP ENSEMBLE**

*A Christmas Canon*

arr. Witman

**HYMN 151**

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

GOD REST YOU MERRY

**HARP ENSEMBLE**

*Christmas Joy*  
*Silent Night*

arr. Peck  
arr. Bunce

† **HYMN 153**

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

CHRISTMAS

*At the last stanza of “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”  
1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

† **EVENING PRAYER**

Rev. Michael Howell

† **SCRIPTURE READING** – Luke 2:8-14

pew Bible, page 1090

**HOMILY**

*The Emperor, a Young Family & Shepherds*

Rev. Howell

† **HYMN 167**

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

† **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*This Joyful Day God’s Son is Born, BWV 605*

J. S. Bach

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

**THE RIVER REGION HARP ENSEMBLE**

Bethany Murphy

MiaBella Flynn

Victoria Davis

Loren Shirley

## SERMON NOTES

### *The Emperor, a Young Family & Shepherds*

Luke 2:8-14

- I. The World Into Which Jesus was Born (vv. 1-2)
  - A. The Roman Emperor (v. 1)
  
  - B. The Local Governor (v. 2)
  
- II. The World Responds to the Emperor (v. 3)
  
- III. A Young Family Responds to the Emperor (vv. 4-7)
  
- IV. A Group of Shepherds Care for their Sheep (v. 8)
  
- V. A Choir of Angels Make an Announcement (vv. 9-14)
  - A. The Message (vv. 9-12)
  
  - B. The Celebration (vv. 13-14)

