



Children's
CHOIRS

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 7, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

Children's Choirs
CHRISTMAS SERVICE



*The special musical welcome provided by the Trinity Handbell Choir
Steve Lee, Director*

The Welcome & Call to Preparation Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Wilbur Held

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship – Zechariah 2:10-11 Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

† The Processional Carol No. 140 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

† The Opening Prayer Rev. Whitehurst

THE CHERUB CHOIR *Ding Dong! Ding Dong!* Michael Bedford

Ding dong! Ding dong! Hear the bells ring out their song.
Listen to them as they say, "Jesus Christ is born today."
Joyfully the angels sing, making all the heavens ring.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

With great joy the shepherds saw God's own Son in bed of straw.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Jesus Christ is born today!

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

(Congregation sings verse three.)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

† The Reading of God's Word – Luke 1:8-23

pew Bible, page 1087

The Homily

DON'T SPEAK

Rev. Cooper

THE COVENANT CHOIR

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

16th Century French Carol

Ding! Dong! Merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing.
Ding! Dong! Verily the sky is riven with angels singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen.
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers.
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen English Traditional Carol

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God, our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy!

† The Hymn No. 145

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Children, Go Where I Send Thee! African-American Spiritual

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send you one by one: one for the little bitty Baby,
Born in Bethlehem!

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send you two by two: two for Paul and Silas,
One for the little bitty Baby,
Born in Bethlehem!

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send you three by three: three for the Hebrew children,
Two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty Baby,
Born in Bethlehem!

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send you four by four: four come knocking at the door,
Three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty Baby,
Born in Bethlehem!

Any way I send you, better go now!
Go and find that itty bitty Baby, born in Bethlehem!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY ~ Thomas Govan, *narrator*; featuring the Cherub Choir

Narrator: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And God made man in His image: male and female.

God loved them and He let them live in a beautiful garden. He walked with them in the cool of the evening. And everything that God had made was good.

God put a tree in the middle of the Garden and told the man and the woman not to eat of it.

But the man and the woman sinned against God. They chose to follow their own desires instead of God's.

And the world that God had made for good was poisoned by human sin.

Adam and Eve could no longer walk with God in the Garden. Because they were no longer holy, they had to leave God's presence.

But God still loved them. God already knew how He was going to redeem the world from sin and make humanity holy again. He promised that He would send a Savior.

People: And all the men and women who descended from Adam and Eve needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God's plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. One such man was Noah.

God instructed Noah to build an ark. While God caused a great flood to cover the earth and cleanse it, Noah, his wife, and his family were saved from the flood and, with them, two of every living creature on earth. And Noah and his family believed and trusted in God.

People: And all the men and women who descended from Noah needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God's plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. One such man was Abraham.

God instructed Abraham to leave everything he had ever known and follow God to a distant land. God said to him, “I will make of you a great nation, as great as the stars in the heavens, as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore!” And Abraham believed and trusted in God.

People: And all the men and women who descended from Abraham needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God’s plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part His plan. One such man was Moses.

God instructed Moses to lead God’s people to freedom. God sent plagues on Pharaoh and the Egyptians to show His power. God caused the Red Sea to part so that God’s people could walk to freedom on dry land. And Moses believed and trusted in God.

People: And all the men and women who descended from Moses needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God’s plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. One such man was David.

David was just a boy when God called him. God declared David to be the King of Israel. God told David that out of his children would come the true King, the Messiah, the Son of God Who would save us from our sins. And David believed and trusted in God.

People: And all the men and women who descended from David needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God’s plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. Prophets and faithful women.

Some of those men were the prophets, like Isaiah who said:
“Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

People: All of these men and women who heard and believed the words of the prophets longed to be with God again. They knew they needed a Savior, just like the One God had promised.

Narrator: God's plan for salvation unfolded slowly. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. One such woman was the Virgin Mary, along with her husband, Joseph.

The time had finally come for God's plan for salvation to be fully revealed. And it happened like this:

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

“And while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

“And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

“And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

People: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Narrator: “And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.”

God's plan for salvation has been unfolding slowly over thousands and thousands of years. Righteous men and women were a part of His plan. We are invited today to be a part of His plan, to be those righteous men and women, boys and girls, and come to the manger and bow down and worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Ridge Govan, <i>Adam/Joseph</i>	Samuel Dean, <i>Moses/Shepherd</i>
Mary Mills Hudson, <i>Eve</i>	Leighton Howe, <i>David/Shepherd</i>
Will Van Hooser, <i>Noah/Shepherd</i>	Millie Brewer, <i>Mary</i>
Furman Dean, <i>Abraham/Shepherd</i>	Conner Radford, <i>Donkey</i>

ANGELS

Luisa Allan, Philippa Dobson, Virginia Freeman, Reese Hall, Mary Mills Hudson, Margaret McClendon, Ellie McPhail, Ana Jean Muzio, Lucy Reid Shaw, Margaret Fox Tortorici, Anne Farrell Whitehurst

† The Advent Prayer and Benediction Rev. Cooper

† **ALL CHOIRS & CONGREGATION** *Peace, Peace* arr. Fred Bock

(Choirs Only) Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

(Congregation and Cherub Choir)

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

The Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Johann Pachelbel

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*; Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*
Lucy Freeman, *Director of Children's Ministries*; Jacob Taylor, *organist*
Thomas Govan, *Narrator*