

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *The Birthday of the King*      William H. Neidlinger  
    Scott Beasley, Baritone

*In the little village of Bethlehem,  
 There lay a Child one day,  
 And the sky was bright with a holy light  
 O'er the place where Jesus lay.  
 Refrain: Alleluia! O how the angels sang.  
 Alleluia! How it rang!  
 And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
 'Twas the birthday of a King.  
 'Twas a humble birth-place, but O how much  
 God gave to us that day,  
 From the manger bed what a path has led,  
 What a perfect, holy way. [Refrain]*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (vv. 1-3, 6)      108

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Swiss Noels With Variations*      Louis-Claude Daquin

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....**

**The roses on the chancel** are in honor of the births of Lucas Baxter Ragsdale, son of Jack and Haley Ragsdale, grandson of Dennis and Becky Ragsdale, and William Tyler Berry, son of Mary Emily Christiansen and Davis Berry, grandson of Debbie Christiansen.

**The Christmas Joy Offering** will be collected at both services tonight.

**All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate Ginny and Bill Morrow's 50th wedding anniversary** following the 11 am service on December 31st. Heavy hors d'Oeuvres will be served. Let's gather together to show our love and appreciation for Ginny and Bill, and to congratulate them on reaching this incredible milestone in their journey together. We hope to see you all there!

**WELCOME**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. We have been part of the downtown Knoxville community since 1792. We embrace people from all walks of life and seek to share our spiritual journey with our community. We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today.

To learn more about us, please make a note on the Friendship Pad, sign up for our Thursday newsletter, or connect with us at [fpcknox.org](http://fpcknox.org), via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



Hearing enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available for use during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**OFFERING**

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed, or you are invited to give securely online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate) or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



**STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

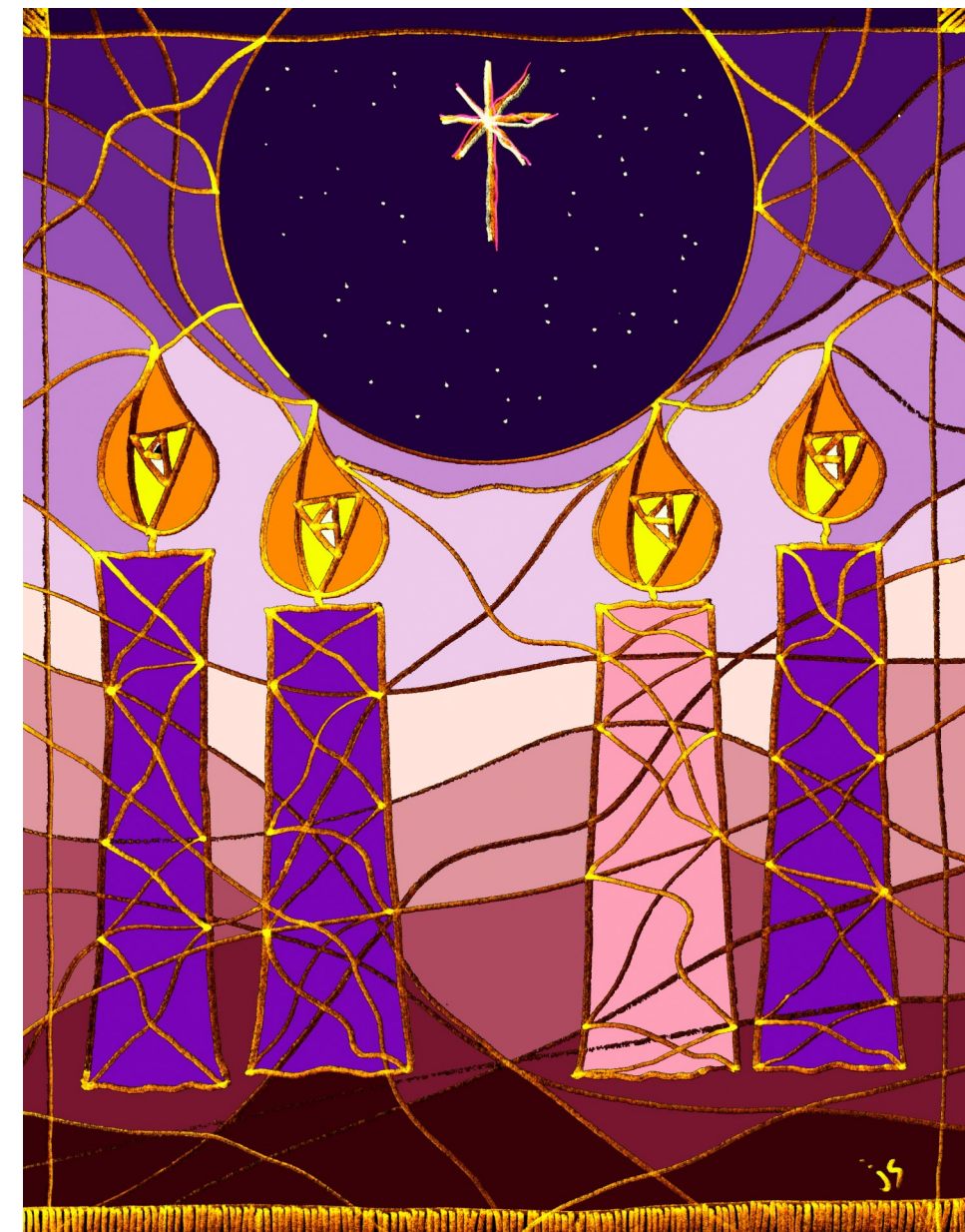
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| The Rev. Mark R. Curtis<br><i>Senior Pastor</i>              | Laura Harmon<br><i>Church Administrator</i>                                    |
| The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis<br><i>Associate Pastor</i>      | Lauren Nunn<br><i>Director of Parent's Day Out /<br/>Childcare Coordinator</i> |
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**WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES**

<i>Hark, The Herald Angels Sing</i>	One License # 150707	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	
<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	One License # 1044267	Tune: Divinum Mysterium	
<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>		<i>Swiss Noels with Variations</i>	One License # 122252
Tune: Picardy			
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>			
Tune: Cranham			

**FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS**

*All children are welcome in worship at FPC. Children, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Children's Area (2nd floor) after Special Time with Young Disciples. Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. A nursery is available for children, in preschool and younger, in the Nursery rooms (2nd floor).*



By Stushie Art



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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