

**LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**The Piano Prelude**

**Call to Meditation:** Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).”

**The Prelude**

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle:** I John 4:9-11

Ryan, Ellen, Coley and Ryder Wesson

**\*Call to Worship:** based on Luke 1:46-50

**Leader:** Our souls magnify the Lord!

**Congregation:** *Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!*

**Leader:** The mighty One has done great things for us!

**Congregation:** *Holy is God's name!*

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**All:** *For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.*

**\*The Hymn:** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” No. 131

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 36:5-9

**Leader:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

**All:** *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

**Leader:** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**All:** *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

**\*Congregational Response:** “What Child Is This” No. 137

**\*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer:**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory**

**\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*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*

**Scripture Reading:** John 3:16

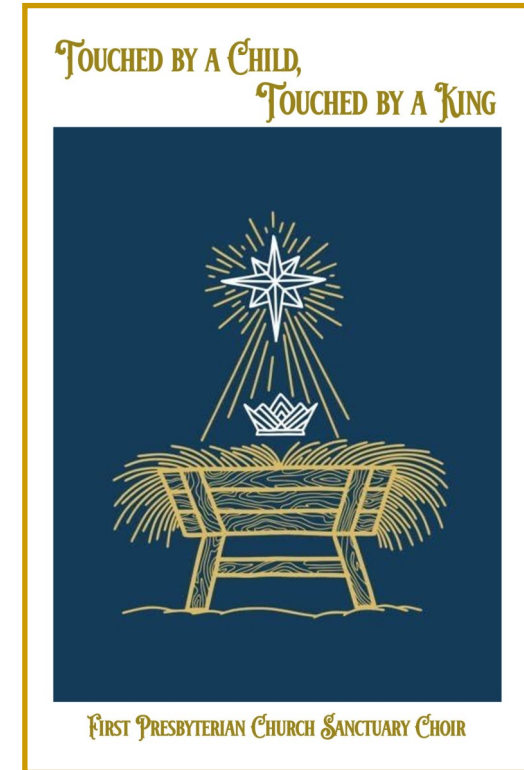
**Scripture Response:** 2 Timothy 3:16,17

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

**Homily:** “ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...Is Love”

**First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata:**



**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction:** “Angels’ Song (reprise)”

**\* Postlude**

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**THE RED ROSE WELCOMES** Tate Palmer Gatlin, born December 9, 2025. The proud parents are Claire and John Gatlin. The proud grandparents are Nancy and Pat Palmer.



*Christmas Eve  
Communion Candlelight Worship Service  
4:30 p.m.*

*First Presbyterian Church*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*