

First Presbyterian Church

Catlettsburg, Kentucky

Christmas Eve

“Lux Mundi Iesu Est”

December 24, 2023

We Gather Around the Word

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wait, for the King comes.

People: We patiently wait for our salvation.

Leader: And the government will be on his shoulders.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**

Song of Praise #218 “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

Blessed and Glorious Father, you place a light into every darkness and a star in the sky every night, and yet we sometimes choose to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. Sometimes we forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us". Shine your light upon our path and walk with us through all the valleys of our lives. Hear our confession of those times when we try to forge ahead and handle life in our own strength. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Concerns of the Church

The Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We Proclaim the Word

Scripture of the Day

The Old Testament *Isaiah 9: 2-7*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Hymn #183 “Once in Royal David’s City” IRBY

The Gospel *Luke 2: 1-14*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Homily “The Shepherd’s Role” R. Brown

**Hymn #187 “O Holy Night”* CANTIQUE DE NOEL

The Affirmation of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all Worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Eucharist

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Invitation to The Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of you glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Communion of the People

We Take the Word to the World

*Hymn #218 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" ANTIOCH

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

June Swinford

Concerns of the Church

*January 6, 2024 – Saturday Epiphany Service 7pm

*January 8, 2024 - Baptism of the Lord

* Please remember to bring cleaning supplies and
Personal care items for Clean Start.

Current Session Members

2022	2023	2024	
Gail Wolfe	Linda McKenzie	John Clark	
Jim Swinford	Becky Brown	Charlie Thompson	
John Greer	Joan Musser	Ann Slone	Hunter Long
-Conner Long	Keith Brown	Shawn Thompson	
Tally Wechsler	Mike Bowling	Linzie Elam	Allison Clark
Jan Maloni	Alison Plank	Loleta Burns	Becky Brown
Larry Maloni	Phil Swinford	Dinah Pratt	Bobette Wilson
Caden Engle	Burt Wellman	Mark Long	Jamie Wheeler
Chris Hall	Lillian Craycraft	Lara Branham	Nick Truitt
Mary Hall	Violet Swinford	Ron Conley	Gary Zornes
John Gregory	Karen Groves	Joseph Nameth	Jill Matucci
Jackson Holly	Jean Lemaster	Sue Meade	Alissa Plank
Glenn Newmann	Dan Yon	Shawn Thompson	Israel
June Swinford	Jim Swinford	Denver Eldridge	Jody Boggs
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