

Chiming of the Hour The Children of Highland Park

Prelude *Come, All You Fair and Tender Ladies,*
Hsin-Tzu Chang, pianist & accompanist

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements,
Associate Pastor

Call to Worship, spoken in unison Kathy Stanley,
Liturgist

O God, make the doors of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children,
nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back our fears.
God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.

Opening Hymn, No. 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Passing the Peace Kathy Stanley

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

One: Now with the power of God's love and in the fullness of God's spirit,
please greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Hymn of Peace *All Are Welcome Here* by R. G. Huff
Children are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon

Children's Sermon Abby Byrd,
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.

Chorus of Service, No. 304, vs 1 only *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Sentences of Stewardship Kathy Stanley

Offertory *A Chloris,* Hsin-Tzu Chang

Doxology, tune No. 706, *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements
After each celebration is shared the congregation responds with,
Our hearts rejoice with yours.

The Lord's Prayer spoken in unison

Anthem *The Lord Bless You and Keep You,*
Choir

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon "Christ or Nero?" Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Special Music *God You Reign,*
Chris Vineis, Soloist and Ukelele

Hymn of Response, No. 215 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Announcements Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Sung Benediction *Go In Peace*

Postlude *A Brown Bird Singing,* Hsin-Tzu Chang

Announcements

The Salvation Army Angel Tree children were all adopted. Those of you who adopted a young person will be providing gifts for a child either living in a shelter or low-income home. Please refer to the information on the tag you received (sizes, interests, and special request) about the child. **The Mission Committee will deliver your bag to the Salvation Army as long as your bag is returned to the Church by Monday Nov 27th.**

SWEETT (children 4 years old and up) will be December 3 immediately after worship. The children will be having lunch, decorating a Christmas tree and watching a Christmas movie. Pickup time is 2pm

Christmas stockings for the Baptist Community Center Mission can still be picked up in the atrium. Instructions for what to fill the stocking with will be inside the stocking. Please return your filled stocking by December 10.

Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary for the last couple of Sundays of Advent and remain till Epiphany. You are invited to order poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one or special event. Each plant cost \$12. Order forms can be found in narthex or on the church's website. Place your orders by Dec. 10th.

Plum Pudding Festival will be Dec. 10th after worship. This is a very informal time of singing holiday songs, sharing your musical instrument talents, solos, tap dancing, story telling—whatever you would like to share. Please let the church office know what talent you will be sharing. We want to be sure to get you on the program. Lunch will be a potluck of soups, salads, chili and decadent desserts.

Regularly schedule **Church Conference** will be Dec. 10.

Christmas Eve— no morning services. **Christmas Eve Service** will be at 6:30pm.

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Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here.
All are welcome here because all are worthy.