


CAHABA SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Service for the Lord's Day

December 18, 2022

deNay Kirkpatrick, PC USA – CRE

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand, as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worship

George Fritsma

Prelude

*Meditation on
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

James Southbridge

*Call to Worship

George Fritsma

One: We are courageous

All: When we are vulnerable.

One: We are courageous

All: When we are honest with ourselves.

One: We are courageous

All: When we extend words of welcome.

One: We are courageous

All: When we invite others to sit with us.

One: We are courageous

All: When we proclaim the love of God to a broken world.

One: We are courageous

All: When we say that love cannot wait.

One: So, let us be courageous –

All: Let us worship Holy God.

*Hymn 802

*The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
(verses 1, 2, and 6)*

ST. COLUMBA

* Invocation

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Leader: To love is to pull the oxygen from your lungs and to say,

All: “Here, take a breath.”

Leader: To love is to come out from hiding,

All: To allow the light to shine on you.

Leader: To love is to wear your heart outside of your body—

All: Fingers crossed that the holder handles it with care.

Leader: To love is to trust that sometimes hurt and pain come with the territory,

All: But you’re going to love anyway.

Leader: So, love anyway.
All: Love like there's no tomorrow.
Leader: Love as if love is not a scarcity.
All: Love like Mary, who cradled a baby amidst the threat of being stoned.
Leader: And love like Joseph, who took a child in that he knew was not his own.
All: Amen.

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent

Jerry Ann Krayner and Karen O'Brien

A Moment with the Children

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
We long to be as courageous as Joseph--
Brave enough to trust your call,
And strong enough to hold onto one another.
There are so many places in the world that could use our courage.
You know them, but we do too.

So, when fear takes over, forgive us.
When our knees shake and our words fail, forgive us.
When self-hatred is easier than self-love, forgive us.
When walls are more convenient than peace, forgive us.
When pessimism is more convenient than hope, forgive us.
When our comfort is more important than our neighbor, forgive us.

You invite us to be courageous. Forgive us.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

George Fritsma

First Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Instrumental Anthem

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Joe Carter, organ

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on, to the place where He is gone.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

Faith or Fear

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Carol 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROSE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*** 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.

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovych

* The Doxology

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.

* Prayer of Dedication

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Intercessory Prayers

Prayers of the People and 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* Hymn 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

* Charge and Blessing

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* Postlude

Noël Francais

Alexander Guilmant



PRAYER CONCERNS

For our church family...

George McLean	Agnes Dauphinee	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Nellie Songer	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Joan Lowery	Chuck Smith
Anne Thomas	Jenny Thomas		

For our extended family...

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Stephen Hogger	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Webber Family	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Donna Ford
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hogleund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Heather Charlton	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Rachel Justice
Lonnie Brown	Dan Southern	Perry Johnson	Greg Fritsma

Upcoming Pulpit Supply

Christmas Eve Service at 12:00 PM	deNay Kirkpatrick
Christmas Day Service at 11:00 AM	
New Year's Day Service at 11:00 AM	deNay Kirkpatrick

December Happenings at Cahaba Springs

PW Monthly Luncheon & Bible Study – today immediately following worship. We will cover Lesson 4 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel led by Karen O'Brien.

Stated Session Meeting – Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24th at noon.

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 AM.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, December 27th at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion led by Karen O'Brien will be on *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Year End Contributions

Per IRS regulations, hand delivered 2022 offerings must be received in the church office no later than 12/29/2022 in order to receive credit on your contribution statement for 2022. Mail-in offerings must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2022, regardless of the date on your check.

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