

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God of glory, the Word of life,
and the Spirit of truth bless you all,
now and forever. *Alleluia!*

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE **Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



*May the light of the Triune God
fill your hearts today and
throughout the year to come
~ Merry Christmas!*





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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TX**

**Christmas Day—Worship in Story and Song
December 25, 2022**

—Gathering —

PRELUDE

SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY

WELCOME

***OPENING SENTENCES**

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

brief silence

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! **Amen.**

***HYMN #133 O Come All Ye Faithful**

***HYMN #143 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

STORY: *The Night of His Birth*

By Katherine Paterson, Illustrated by Lisa Aisato

***HYMN #132 Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

***HYMN #136 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of mystery and might,

we praise and worship you,

for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,

to enter our world as a child of humble birth.

We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,

born of your handmaid Mary.

In his face we behold your glory,

for in his life as in his death

is your gift of salvation.

By your Spirit,

make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,

that we may give as we have received.

Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,

God of love and peace,

in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

now and forever. **Amen.**