

This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #135 **Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**

A reading from the gospel of Matthew chapter 2, verses 1-11. Bible p. 1-2, LG p. 2

Magi come from the East.

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HYMN #147 **The First Nowell**

A reading from the gospel of John chapter 1, verses 1-14. Bible p. 86, LG p. 111

And the Word became flesh.

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SONG **Christmas Offering** Ensemble

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation,
gathered into one the things of heaven and earth,
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. *Alleluia!*

Go forth in peace and joy. *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

POSTLUDE **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn** Joshua Allen
You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



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Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor  
Joshua Allen.....Music Director  
Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



(\* Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TX**

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

**January 1, 2023**

*—Gathering—*

**PRELUDE** In Excelsis Deo! (Ellis) Joshua Allen

**WELCOME**  
**\*OPENING SENTENCES** Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
*sing to the Lord, all the earth!*  
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
*tell the good news of salvation from day to day.*

**\*HYMN #140** Once in Royal David's City (v. 1-2)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as 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.*

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
A reading from Genesis chapter 3, verses 8–15, 17–19. Bible p. 3, LG p. 3-4  
Adam and Eve in the garden.

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**SOLO** **O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL** Joshua Allen, soloist  
A reading from Genesis chapter 22, verses 15–18. Bible p. 17, LG p. 22

God's promise to Abraham.  
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**HYMN #121** **O Little Town of Bethlehem**  
A reading from Isaiah chapter 9, verses 2, 6-7. Bible p. 600, LG p. 780-781  
A great light in the darkness.

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**SOLOIST** **His Name is Wonderful** Lynn Tieken, Soloist  
A reading from Isaiah chapter 11, verses 1–4a, 6–9. Bible p. 602-603, LG p. 784  
A little child will lead them.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**HYMN #129** **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**  
A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 1, verses 26-35, 38. Bible p. 53, LG p. 69  
An angel appears to Mary.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**HYMN #119** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!**  
A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2, verse 1-7. Bible p. 54, LG p. 71  
Mary gives birth in Bethlehem.  
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**SOLOIST** **O Holy Night** Stefen Kane, Soloist  
A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2, verses 8-16. Bible p. 54-55, LG p. 71  
Angels announce the Messiah.