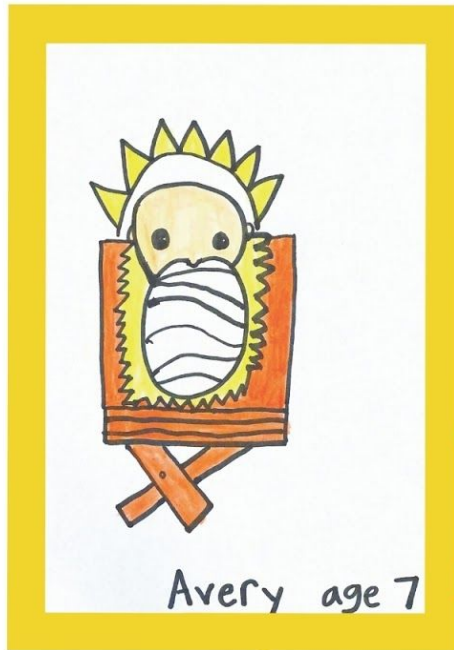
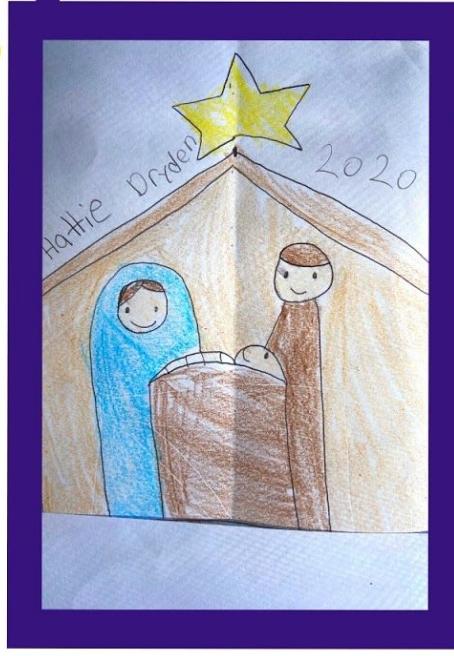
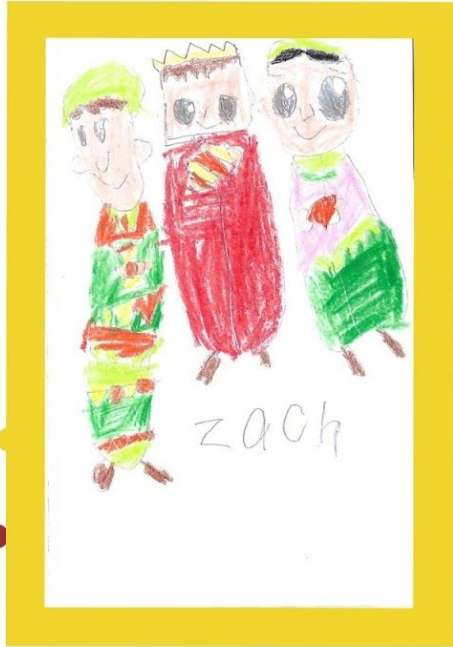


First Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2020 4:00 p.m.



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

Gathering Music Dr. Stephen Fiess

Welcome Katy Schafer

Prelude + Scripture | Luke 2:1-7 Katy Schafer + Andy Eaton, guitar

Call to Worship Katy Schafer

Raise your character stick high when you hear it called and leave it up!

One: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

All: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

One: Come Mary, come Joseph, come donkeys to see!

All: Come stars, come shepherds, come angels to sing!

One: Rejoice, good friends - the Good News is here!

All: Christ our Savior is born! Amen!

Hymn No. 134 | "Joy to the World" (everyone ring small bells) Dr. Stephen Fiess

Lighting of the Christ Candle Beth Thaxton

One: The Christ Candle. Our waiting is nearly over. Each week we lit one more candle representing the ever-brightening path that leads us closer to the star under which the Christ Child lay.

All: We light the fifth candle, the Christ Candle because Jesus Christ, the true light of the world has come.

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life!" (John 8:12)

Hymn No. 115 | "Away In A Manger" Dr. Stephen Fiess

Scripture | Luke 2:8-20 Katy Schafer

Message Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Hymn No. 122 | "Silent Night, Holy Night!" & Lighting of Candles Dr. Stephen Fiess

Benediction Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Postlude | "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (ring bells!) Dr. Stephen Fiess

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of John David Wray, and David and Ethel Wray, and Butler and Olivia Prescott, and Jo Ann McAllister, by Marion Prescott Wray.

The Advent Stand is given in memory of Dr. W. D. Pressly by his family.

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