PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE

Christmas Service

Welcome Marylyn Brown, PW Moderator

Prelude Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella Jen Weier

arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Advent WreathDonna Crutchfield and Bailey Dean

Opening Hymn* 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Shannon Dill & Nancy Wesley

Scripture Mark 2:1-12 Rev. Lissa Long

Message Observations and Curiosities: The Presence of God

Offering Benefitting Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Caring Hands Fund

Becky Loftis

Special Music Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Chancel Choir & Festival Ringers

Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.

Communion Music I Wonder as I Wander with Swan Lake

arr. Lauri Wood

December 2, 2024

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

Litany Terri Potter, Past PW Moderator

Leader: We light these candles as signs of our constant hope, our longed-for peace,

our unending joy, our transforming love, that comes from Jesus Christ,

our wondrous Light.

People: May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us,

and tend us in all seasons and circumstances,

Leader: Reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness,

God is with us.

People: Our salvation has come! Amen.

Lighting of Candles*

The ushers will light a candle at the end of each pew. Please receive the light by dipping your candle into the lighted candle and passing the light to your neighbor.

Hymn* 122 Silent Night, Holy Night

Benediction*

Postlude* Deck the Halls

arr. Chip Davis

REV. DR. LISSA LONG

Lissa grew up in the great town of Athens, GA being raised in the sanctuary of Sanford Stadium on Saturdays and Central Presbyterian on Sundays. It is during this time she found her foundation in her spiritual formation. One of her great joys in growing up is the extended family who walked with her in faith and discipleship. Lissa attended VBS, Sunday School and Montreat Youth Conferences growing up. She attended Presbyterian College (GO HOSE!) for her Religion/Christian Education degree, Erskine Theological Seminary for a Masters in Divinity and Union Presbyterian Seminary for her Doctorate in Ministry. Lissa loves the outdoors, energizers, singing joyfully (but badly), and getting to know her new town of Williamsburg.

Lissa lives in Williamsburg, VA with her husband Grahame Long, daughters Macie (freshman at PC!) and Sumner, and their rescue dog Rizzo.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF GEORGIA CARING HANDS FUND

The offering tonight benefits the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Caring Hands Fund. Presbyterian Homes is a ministry devoted to God's seniors across the state of Georgia in six locations. The senior population, especially those in senior living facilities, has been hit especially hard by the global coronavirus pandemic. For 72 years, the Presbyterian Homes has offered benevolent care and Caring Hands contributions directly support the care of residents who have outlived their financial resources. The Caring Hands Fund allows Presbyterian Homes of Georgia to keep its commitment that no resident is ever asked to leave the compassionate and superior quality care they receive just because their money has run out. You can learn more about Presbyterian Homes of Georgia on their website, www.PHGAinc.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP

MINISTERS: Rev. Shannon Dill & Rev. Lissa Long

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jen Weier

USHERS: Jenny Troha, Christy Keohane, Debbie Parks and Janet Scott

CHANCEL GUILD: Beth Underhill

COMMUNION SERVERS: Ellen Womack, Faye Cashwell, Nancy Wesley, Mary Martin and Beth

Underhill

