

# HILTON

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25, 2022 ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

God dwells with us  
A CREATIVE LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS

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### Welcome!

Our Sanctuary is equipped with a t-coil HEARING LOOP! If you need assistance



CHILD CARE is available during the Worship hour  
and during the Sunday School hour





When **BOLD**, words are read by all.  
\* When **STARRED**, please stand as able.

*PRELUDE*

*WELCOME*

Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal

\* *CALL TO WORSHIP*

\* *OPENING HYMN 146*      *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*      TEMPEST ADEST FLORIDUM

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS*

Holy God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless. The problems of this world feel too big, the path forward is unclear, and we are not confident that we can truly make a difference. We give up hope. Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing hope.**

Holy God, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales. Our spirits are anxious. Our bodies are weary. Our world is fractured. Instead of praying for peace—both in ourselves and in our society—we assume that peace is no longer on the table. We give it up. Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing peace.**

Holy God, too often we paint joy as naive—a luxury reserved for children and pets. We forget that you ate with friends, that you went to weddings, that you laughed and rested and hiked mountains. We forget that you knew joy, and that you want joy for us in this fractured world. Forgive us for turning away from your light. Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing joy.**

Holy God, too often we treat love like a vending machine. We put some coins in and assume that we’ll get something back. However, in our wiser moments, we know that love is not meant for keeping score. Love is meant to overflow, to spill out to our neighbors, to transform our world. Forgive us for holding love so tightly. Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing love.**

Family of faith, sin separates us from things like hope, peace, and joy. Sin wiggles its way between us and love, both love of neighbor and love of self. Fortunately for us, God had something else in mind. God sent God's only son to this world so that we could see another way. So friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: no matter how many times we turn our back on hope, or extinguish peace, or snuff out joy — no matter how many times we let love burn out — God continues to light our way. We are forgiven. We are seen. We are loved. The good news of this day — the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of this day — exists for you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## *EXTENDED PASSING OF THE PEACE - A TIME FOR CELEBRATION*

\* HYMN 121

*["O Little Town of Bethlehem"](#)*

ST. LOUIS

*POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5*

Written by Sarah Are

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

### *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

Like Mary,

Like the angels,

Like the shepherds,

Like generations before,

Like the generations to come,

God is here. God is love.

**we believe in cherishing good news.**

**we believe in singing God's praise.**

**we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.**

**we believe that God is with us.**

**we believe that God is with us.**

**We believe. Thanks be to God!**

## *CALL FOR OFFERINGS*

## *CREATIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE*

\* CLOSING HYMN 132

*["Good Christian Friends Rejoice"](#)*

IN DULCI JUBILO

\* BENEDECTION

## *POSTLUDE*

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# LAITY ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

The most current Laity Schedule is on our website at [hiltonpres.org/our-ministries](http://hiltonpres.org/our-ministries) .

	<b>Christmas Day Dec. 25</b>	<b>January 1st</b>	<b>January 8th</b>
<i>Building Security</i>	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark	Sam Heatwole	Charlie Slagle, Pastor Clark
<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Chip Shefelton/Josiah D-R	Paul Burgener	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Jane Day/Renee DiPasquale	Paul Clear/Julie Richter	Beth Rivenbark/Matt Burgener
<i>Lay Reader</i>	N/A	Jean Ann Burgener	Deborah Heatwole
<i>Children's Time</i>	N/A	TBD	Deborah Heatwole
<i>Nursery</i>	N/A	Jaime Cox	Jaime Cox
<i>Camera</i>	Eli DeSarro-Raynal	Kiel Curran	Matt Sullivan
<i>Multimedia</i>	N/A	Pax Goodson	Sto Sullivan
<i>Sound</i>	Logan Chelgren	Dave Kluttz	Logan Chelgren
<i>Elder of the Week</i>	Mary Ellen Dreybus	Anna Chenoweth	Sam Heatwole

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** ~ *Please see Friday's email for details.*

In mourning:

Family of Claire Hubbard

Family of Bo Bohon

Family of Janet Nagle (Lois Reese's sister-in-law)

Family of Doug Chapman

Friends/Family:

Bud Gabel (Barbara Savage's son-in-law)

Andy & Jackie Connor

Amy Pearson

Don Burgener (Paul's father)

Christopher Hilton (from Francie)

Susie Banning

Stanley Hill (Linda Chapman's brother)

Dot Crute (Wanda Fletcher's mother)

Gary Leser

Mike Grayson (Andy's brother)

Kelsie Hayes' family

Shelby Dodd

Alisha (Doris Slagle's niece)

Michael Dobbins (DesiRee's cousin)

Libby Smith

Kathleen (Debbie Barber's sister)

Joy Cauldwell (Lynne Peterson's aunt)

Al Pearce

Patricia Herrmann (Randy's sister-in-law)

John Zug (Sue Hogue's nephew)

Bob & Janet Miller (Diane Clear's parents)

Klaus & Linda Schoenhoff (Katherine Schoenhoff's parents)

## THE SESSION

Anna Chenoweth (CE) '23

Kathryn Dabbs (W) '24

Mary Ellen Dreybus (M) '23

Melissa Goodson (P) '24

Sam Heatwole (P) '24

Allison Hund (CE) '25

David Kluttz (M) '25

DesiRee Mujais (W) '25

Barbara Savage (CC) '23

*Moderator*

Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal

*Clerk of Session*

Andy Grayson

*Youth Elder*

Eli DeSarro-Raynal (AF) '23

AF = Admin/Finance · CE = Christian Ed · CC = Cong. Care · M = Mission & Outreach · P = Property · W = Worship