

Ushers: (8:30) Winn Story, Julie Kirouac, Beth Wilson;
(11:00) Robert Armstrong, Lyn Ferraiolo, Matt Hoffman, Dave Huffman, Greg Thurlow, Donnie Stone

In silent service counting the offering: Cathy Hoffman, Greg Mann, Marian Miller, Quintin Watkins

Extended Session: Ivie and Charles Goorsky

Acolytes: (11:00) Ben Badinger and Nora Badinger

Bulletin Assembly: Janice Breckenridge and Agnes Kovacs

Visitors Welcome . . .

- We are delighted you are worshiping with us and we invite you to become part of our church family. If you would like to know more about us, or want to inquire about becoming a member, indicate so on the register pad or contact the church office. Watch the bulletin announcements for upcoming **UpGrade Seminars**.
- Hearing enhancement devices are available for use during our church services. Please see an usher for assistance.
- If you need to speak to someone, a minister is available after each service. If you have a prayer request, please share it on a Prayer Request form from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. A minister will also be

Please consider making a gift to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church via our secure online giving portal: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=90273>, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your smart phone's QR reader.



For Our Elementary Age Worshipers

Worship Bags are distributed to elementary age children immediately following the Children's Sermon. If you would like to have a bag, please raise your hand or stand; a Bag Buddy will bring you a bag. If you decide later in the service that you want a bag, extra ones are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the bags to the basket across from the restrooms in the breezeway after the service.

We have illustrated **Spark Story Bibles** for children to read along during worship. They are available on the window sill at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our youngest children are cared for in the following locations:

10:00 Extended Session

Infants/Toddlers:
Room A114

3s - Ks go to Extended Session
after Children's Sermon:
Room B104

Church Staff

Rev. Andy Acton, *Associate Pastor for HS Youth, Missions & Communications*
Rev. Jody Andrade, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
Rev. Jennie Sankey, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education & MS Youth*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Erin McCollum, *Director of Children's Music*

Gina Maguire, *Director of Preschool*
Hyoun Joo Song, *Pianist/Organist*
Kristie Johns, *Financial Secretary*
Richard Williams, *Facilities Manager*
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Worship Service—10:00 AM
No Church School this morning

Celebration of the Lord's Day

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning.

As the candles are lit and the baptismal waters are poured, let us recognize God's presence among us.

Prelude		Hyoun Joo Song
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Jennie Sankey
Introit		
*Call to Worship		Jennie
One: Praise the Lord! Praise God, all angels, sun and moon, and shining stars!		
All: I rejoice in the Lord, for God is my salvation!		
One: Praise God from the earth! Young and old, men and women: let everyone praise God's name.		
All: As the earth brings forth new life, God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.		
One: We celebrate the birth of Christ,		
All: for God is faithful and worthy of praise for ever and ever!		
*Hymn 134	<i>"Joy to the World!"</i>	
Opening Prayer		Rev. Andy Acton
Response	<i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i> (stanza 2)	
True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!		
Duet	<i>"There Upon a Manger Bed"</i> G. F. Handel, composer	Ralph and Pam Griffin
Christmas Reading	Luke 2: 8-20 <i>(Pew Bible, p. 933; Spark Bible, p. 214)</i>	Kayla Dixon
Children's Sermon		Jennie
Distribution of Worship Bags		
Prayers		Andy
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.		
Anthem	<i>"Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling"</i> Berlioz, composer	Chancel Choir
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 <i>(Pew Bible, p. 678)</i>	Andy
Reflection		

Although the day of Christmas has passed, and it may feel like you have been celebrating Christmas since the day after Thanksgiving, on the church year calendar, the season of Christmas continues for the twelve days after December 25th.

This short season is an occasion for the church to celebrate and give thanks for the arrival of God's Word made flesh—the light of God that has come into the world, the light that even death could not extinguish, after our Advent season of waiting.

More than a baby's birthday, Christmas proclaims the ultimate fulfillment of God's saving purpose, beginning with the birth of Jesus.

Hymn 157

"I Danced in the Morning"
(stanza 1 and refrain)

New Testament Reading

Luke 2: 22-40
(Pew Bible, p. 933; Spark Bible, p. 226)

Jennie

Reflection

*Hymn 148 (tune 664)

"Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple"

Mary and Joseph came to the temple, brought the boy Jesus, offered him there. People were waiting, wanting to greet him; long had they sought him, solace for care. Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting, worshiping God by day and by night. Now she is praising, filled with elation; here is God's promise, Christ is her light. Simeon sings now, God proffers blessing, brilliantly gilding dawn of his day. Light in the darkness, never extinguished, Light of all nations, light up our way.

Offering

Please take a moment to sign the registration pad in your pew so we can welcome you personally.

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Hymn

"The Holly and the Ivy"

Joseph Martin, arranger

Hyoun Joo

*Response

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (stanza 4 and refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

*Benediction

Jennie and Andy

*Hymn 136

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" (stanza 3 and refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

"Processional in E Flat Major"

by David Johnson

Hyoun Joo

A minister is available in the Prayer Chapel for one-on-one prayer following the worship service.

**Please stand in body or spirit*



Announcements

Regular worship service times of 8:30 and 11:00 am resume next Sunday, January 7 with special guest preacher, The Rev. Joy Fisher, our Presbytery consultant.

Please keep the group of 14 Pleasant Hill members attending the Montreat College Conference from January 2-5 in your prayers: Rev. Andy Acton, Michael Armstrong, Alli Benelli, Jared Borders, Lauren Borders, Courtney Henry, Walter Kahrs, Bernie Kida, Harry Kirch, Shea O'Farrell, Anne Pelchat, Jennie Sankey, Chandler Thurlow, and Alondra Valenzuela.