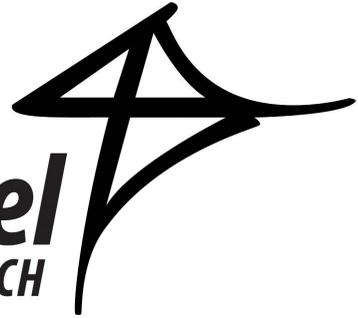


Immanuel
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Growing Together in the Way of Jesus

“For true repentance there must be change. Remember when it comes-the flash, the insight- that it’s only the beginning.”

— Donald Friedman, *The Hand Before the Eye*

And our sense, deep inside, that we were made for more
Than we settle for.
We turn again to You and ask that You continue to transform us
More and more into what You have called and redeemed us to be.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouths will declare Your praise.***

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: ***The Lord's name be praised.***

ADVENT RESPONSE

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Winter Snow

Audrey Assad

Rev. Kluttz, soloist

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, your praises bring!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29, Luke 11:13

SERMON

"Where Do We Turn?"

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

SEALING OF THE WORD IN COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Kluttz & Rev. Strednak Singer

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

You are invited to share bread and juice or wine in your home. Together we remember that God's table knows no boundaries and that we are connected through this meal to one another and to saints across time and space.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Divinum Mysterium

Plainsong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Strednak Singer

HYMN OF SENDING

Creator of the Stars of Night

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fughetta on "Veni Emmanuel"

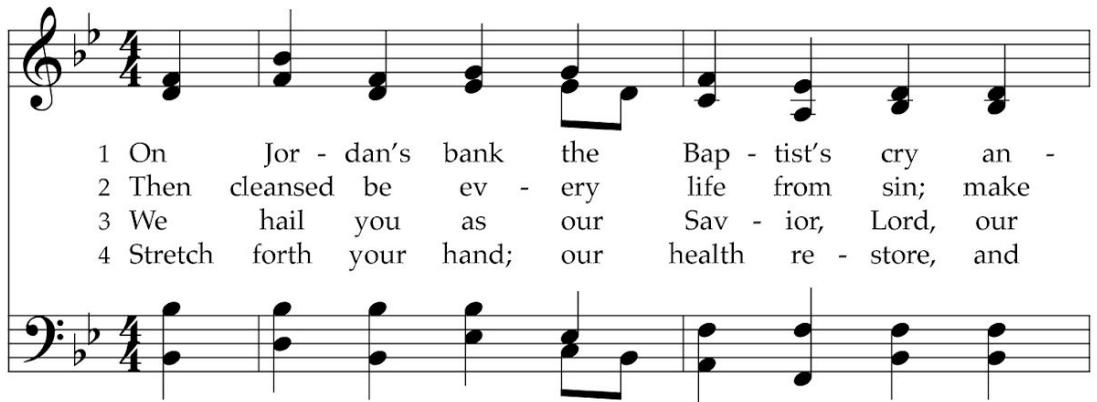
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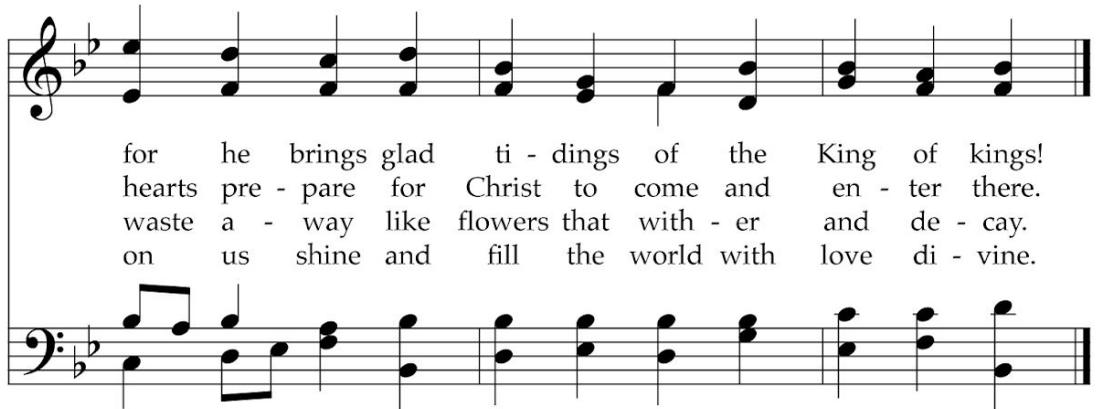
96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and



nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -



for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Conditor alme siderum translated by J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, thou Savior of us all,
We pray thee, hear us when we call.

To thee the travail deep was known
That made the whole creation groan,
Till thou, Redeemer, shouldst free
Thine own in glorious liberty.

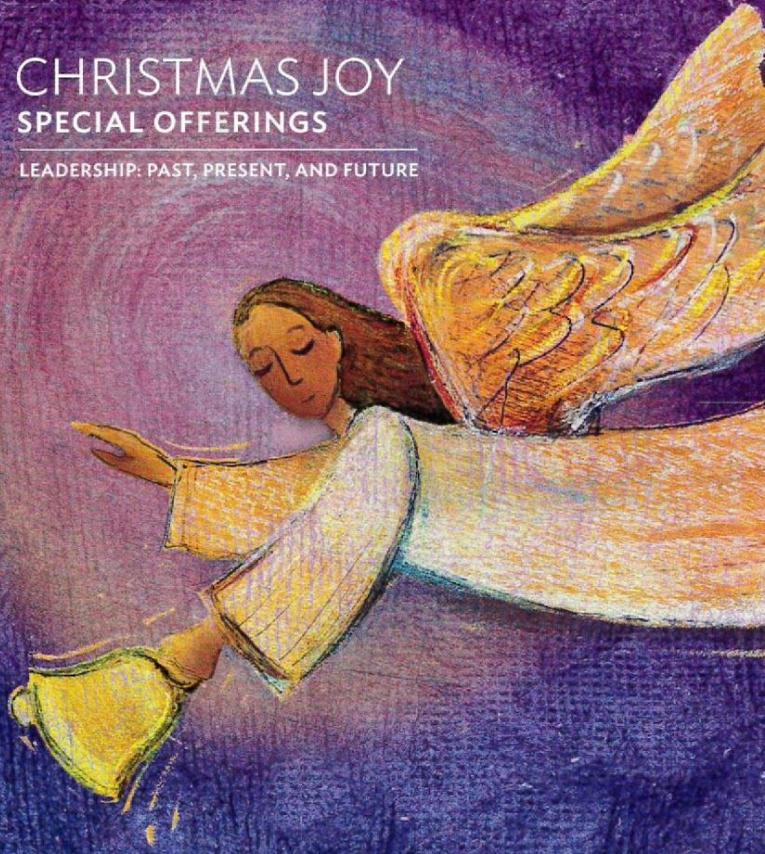
When the old world drew on toward night,
Thou camest, not in splendor bright
As monarch, but the humble child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At thy great name exalted now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



God is with us.

— MATTHEW 1:23

THE PERFECT GIFT.

Being Together

God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, a gift that brought God and humanity closer together. God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ, offered the power of being with us. According to Matthew's Gospel, one of the names given to Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

During these past months, many of us weren't able to be together in person. But we have always been together in spirit, and in faith. God has been with us. And through our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, we are together with those who need our love and support.



Because God is with us, we see the potential of students of color who will become our leaders and we seek to come alongside them, to encourage them, to be with them.

50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Because God is with us, we see church workers who have critical financial needs and we come alongside them, to assist them — we are with them.

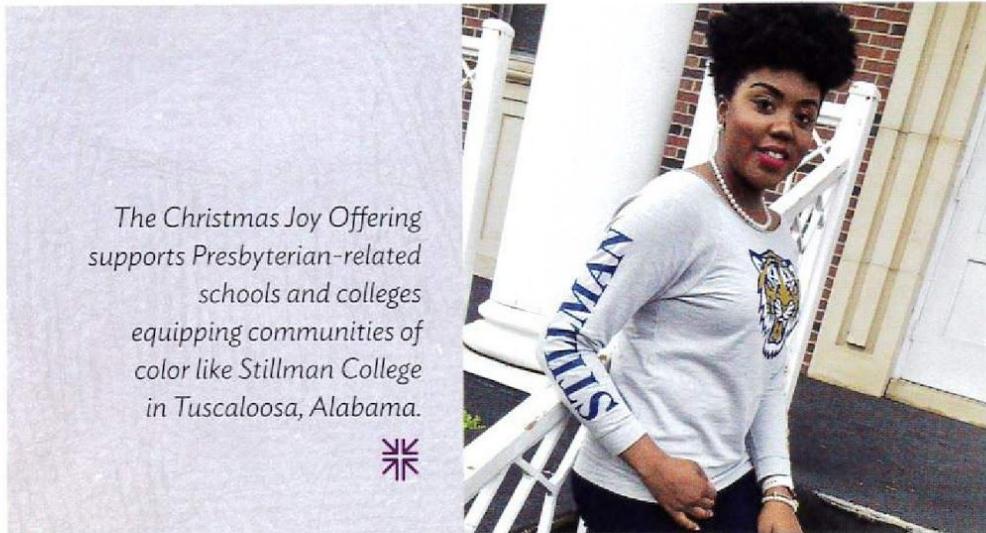
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of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Thank you for your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering — for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

In 2015, Rose Bryant was at a crossroads in her life — a job she needed to support she and her son fell through due to her lack of a college degree. Discovering she could go back to college, and qualify for scholarships supported by the Christmas Joy Offering, changed everything. She found special joy as a member of Stillman’s renowned choir. She graduated in 2019 and is now an English and Language Arts teach in Dallas, Texas.

“I don’t think I would be here without the support of Stillman,” she said. “The amazing thing is that all of this has had a ripple effect. I was able to finish my goal because of the support I received, and I know of at least six people who came directly to me to find out how they could do the same, including my younger sister.”



The ripple effect that Rose speaks of starts when each of us does some small thing, such as giving a gift to the Christmas Joy Offering, the power of which grows stronger and stronger as it is passed along.

Thank you for your generosity.

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The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.



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