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CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING. The entire Christmas Eve offering goes to support Coalfield Development Corp. (50%), and our Nicaragua partner: VERBO (25%) and CEPAD (25%).

ONE SERVICE ONLY (10:45 a.m.) **December 28 and January 4.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: (Jan. 4). All children are welcome, there is a part for everyone! Volunteers needed too. Only two rehearsals: Saturday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. & Sunday, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m.

TAIZÉ SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Sanctuary. A service of prayer in song, silence & candlelight. Next: Jan. 7.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to the annual soup & bread luncheon on January 8.

LISTENING GROUPS Prayerful listening and reflection using poetry. Third Wednes-

days, 7-8:00 p.m. and third Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Next: Jan. 15 & 21.

CANTERBURY SERVICE Third Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. Contact: Debbie Romano, romano.debbie@gmail.com. Next: Jan. 21.

CONNECTIONS College Student Fellowship at the Blue Moon. Meets every other Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Next: Jan. 15.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Next: Jan.17.

PRACTICING SILENCE Third Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Meditation and contemplative prayer practices from different faith traditions. Next: Jan. 18.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Jefferson Security Bank for the use of its parking lots on Sunday mornings and special evening programs.

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

English, 12th Century

Jesus our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother kind and good.

I, said the donkey shaggy and brown,
I carried his mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town.
I, said the donkey shaggy and brown.

I, said the cow, all white and red,
I gave him my manger for a bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I, said the cow, all white and red.

I, said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I, said the sheep with curly horn.

I, said the dove from the rafters high,
I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry;
We cooed him to sleep my mate and I.
I, said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus every beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift she gave Emmanuel.

ORDER OF SERVICE

A primer for children

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Prelude

Carol

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

“The Friendly Beasts”

Prayer

Carol

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Lesson

Luke 1:26-31

Interlude

The Nativity Story

Luke 2:1-14

Carol

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Prayer

Loving God, you call us to watch, wait, and work for peace on earth. The light of Christmas soon will dawn. Help us see light in our darkness. Heal and renew us with your love. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today.

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head. The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Blessing

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Postlude

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Piano Kari Edge

Autoharp Terry Tucker

Readers Logan Rolfe Addie Lloyd Maggie Rolfe

Nativity Story Rosemarie Coy

Christmas wreathing

Sanctuary guild

Arch Angels by Larry Drechsler

Given by Jim and Sallye Price

in memory of James Carter Price, III

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Offering baskets at exits