

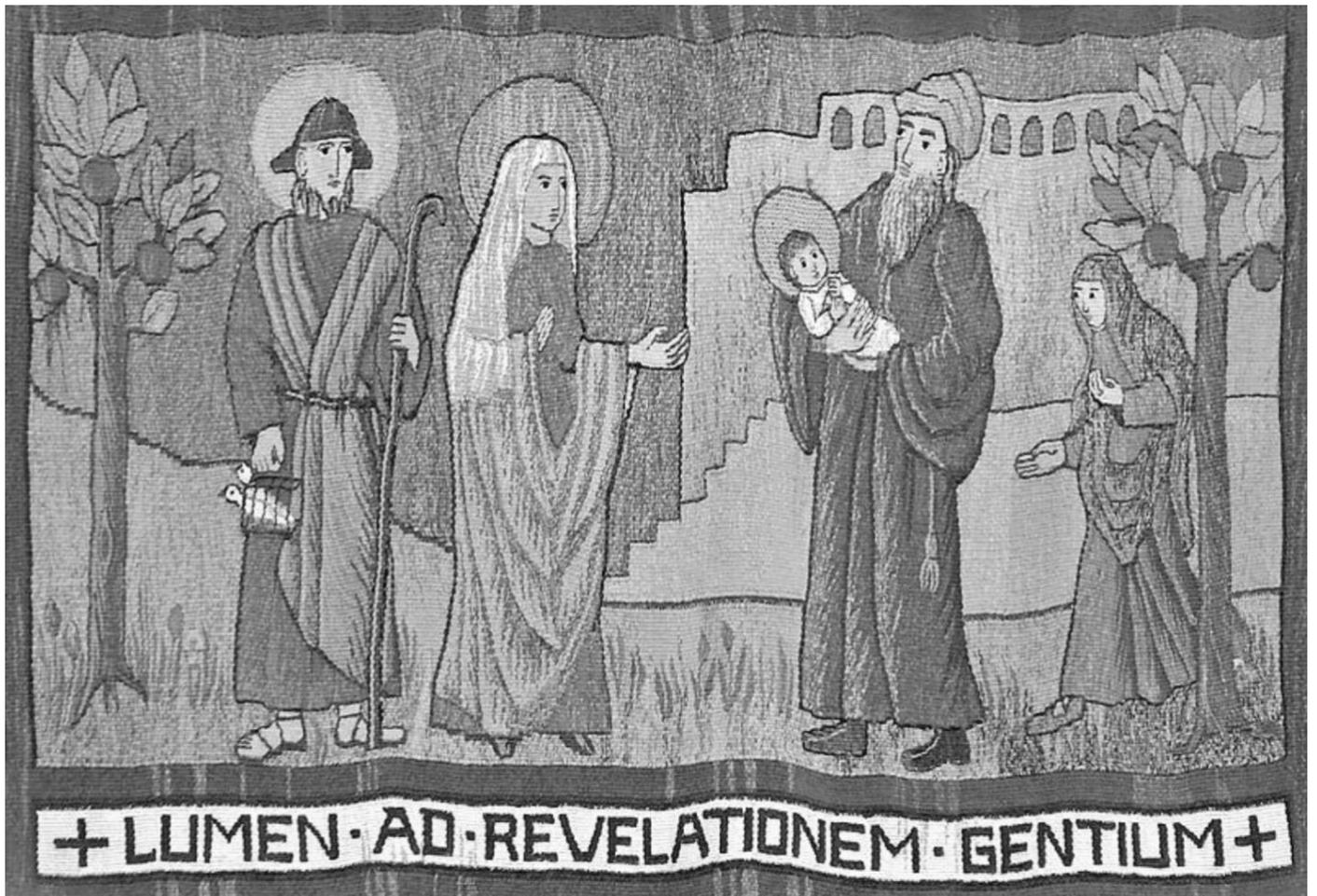


# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS*

December 27, 2020



*Presentation in the Temple Tapestry, Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, CO*

C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Faithful vigil ended, Watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant thy servant His discharge in peace.*

-Timothy Dudley-Smith

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

“Gesu Babino”  
arr. by Tom Roed

Pietro Yon

**Litany of Light**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 89*)\*

Carol Tomasko

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God from the heavens.**

Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**

Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
**whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.**

In the light of Christ, come let us worship God.

**Alleluia!**

**Hymn**

“Angels From the Realm of Glory”  
Words by James Montgomery; Music by Henry Smart

GTG #143

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

arr. C.J. Briggs

**Assurance of Pardon**

Know the good news of the gospel:  
**that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God’s beloved.**



**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

*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.**

**SENDING**

**Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

**GTG #134**

Hymn by Isaac Watts

Music by Handel, arr. Lowell Mason

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Lyrics by Charles Wesley and George Whitefield

Music by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Tom Roed



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Pieces of today's liturgy are from *Presbyterian Outlook*, Roger Gench;  
*Feasting on the Word*, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long  
GTG = *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal)

\*For all responsive liturgy, leader will read the parts in regular type,  
**and the congregation may respond with the words in bold.**