

Youth & Children's Christmas Readings 2022

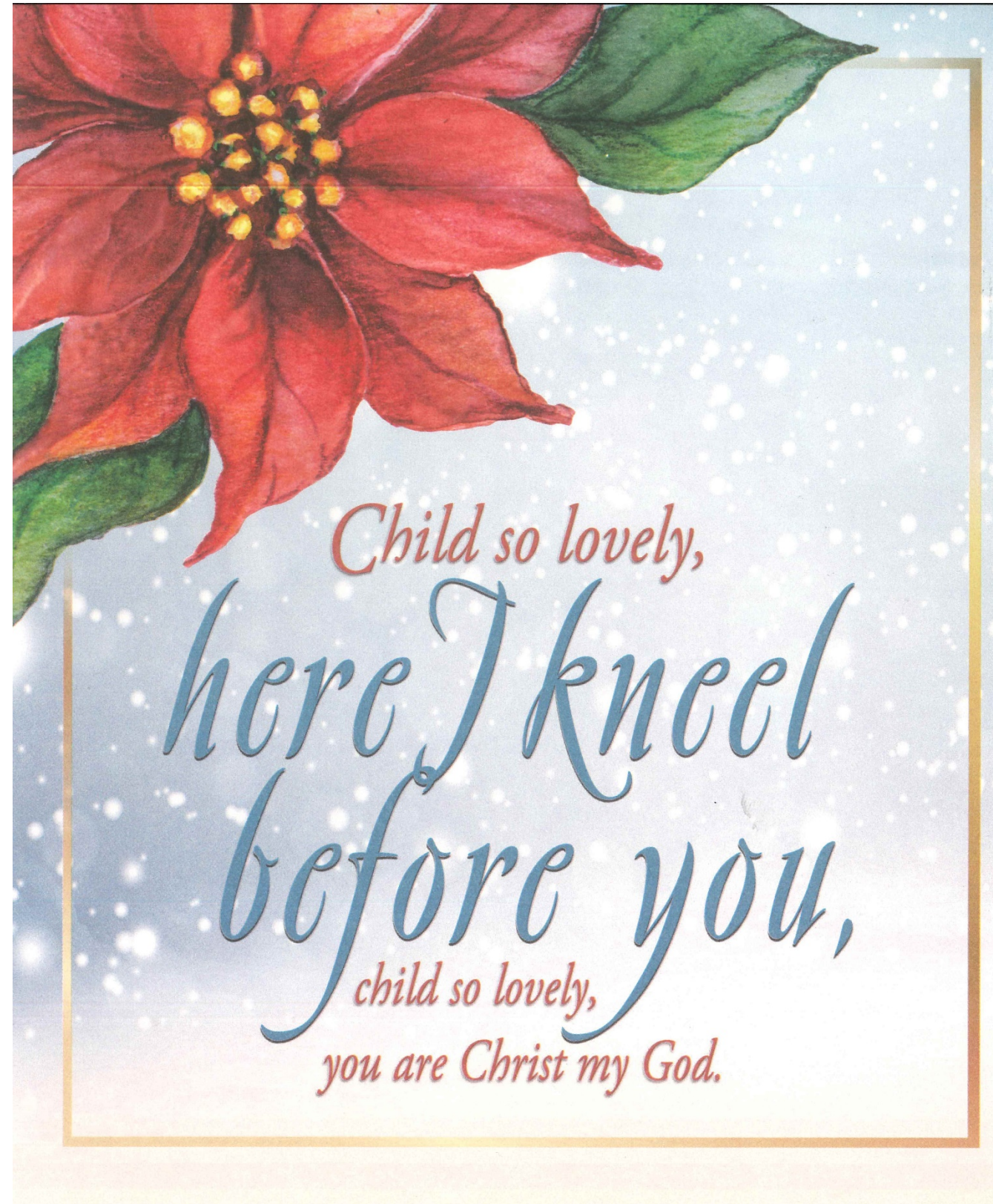
Sheep – Hudson Fox, James Hornsby

1.) Scripture Reading:	Luke 2:1-7	Baum Hogge
SING: O Little Town of Bethlehem		UMH No. 230
<i>(Congregation, please join us as we sing one verse of each carol.)</i>		
2.) Scripture Reading:	Luke 2:8-9	Sabrina Davis
SING: Angels We Have Heard on High		UMH No. 238
3.) Scripture Reading:	Luke 2:10-12	Christian Martin
SING: Away in a Manger		UMH No. 217
4.) Scripture reading:	Luke 2:13-14	Baum Hogge
SING: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear		UMH No. 218
5.) Scripture Reading:	Luke 2:15-18	Decatur Hogge
SING: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful		UMH No. 234
6.) Scripture Reading:	Luke 2:19-20	Alexis Davis
SING: Sing We Now of Christmas		UMH No. 237
7.) Scripture Reading:	Matthew 2:1-3	Christian Martin
SING: We Three Kings		UMH No. 254
8.) Scripture Reading:	Matthew 2:9-12	Decatur Hogge
SING: Joy to the World		UMH No. 246

Children & Youth Choir Director – Susannah Hogge
Director of Children & Youth Ministries – Carter Roane

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TONIGHT

Acolyte:	Decatur Hogge
Media Team:	Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell, Kim Song
Altar Guild this month:	Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks
Liturgist:	Susannah Hogge
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson
Greeters:	David Ayers
Counting Team:	Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane



WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for spending your Christmas Eve with us!

CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.
*Please stand as you are able.

Voluntary

Toccata on “Vom Himmel hoch...” from *Christmas Suite No. 2*
“From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!
Good tidings of great joy I bring to all the world and gladly sing:
To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen Virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.”
— Martin Luther (1535)

Garth Edmundson
(1900-1971)

Welcome

Pastor Paul Song

Opening Sentence

“Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Bless his name! He is coming to establish justice on the earth! He will establish justice in the world rightly. He will establish justice among all people fairly.” (Psalm 96:1-2, 13)

Susannah Hogge

*Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH No. 224

The Lighting of Advent and Christ Candles

Tonight, we light advent candles as a symbol of Christ our hope, way, joy, and peace. And we light the Christ Candle as a symbol of his coming to us as the light of the world. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can extinguish.
(Light four purple and pink Advent candles first, and then the white Christ candle in the middle.)

The Song Family

Congregational Response

Angels from the Realms of Glory (verse 1)

UMH No. 220

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with your spirit.
Let us pray,
God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Susannah Hogge

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Susannah Hogge

Anthem

O Holy Night
Steve Wike, soloist

Adolphe Adam

New Testament Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Susannah Hogge

Alleluia

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH No. 204

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Tonight’s offering will be sent to UMFS, United Methodist Family Services, to help families in need.

Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Music

Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”
from *Die Natali*, Opus 37

Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)
UMH No. 95

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Bethany Youth and Children

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Sermon

“The Light of the World Is Come”

Pastor Paul Song

Candle Lighting

(Pastor lights a candle from the Christ Candle, and pass on to the congregation. The passing person says, “the peace of Christ be with you,” then receiving person says, “And also with you.” All lights in the room will be dimmed.)

Special Music

Gésu, Bambino
Pastor Paul Song and Steve Wike

Pietro Yon

The Litany of Light

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!
The Light no darkness can extinguish.
Jesus Christ, the Light of the world has come!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The peace of Christ be with you.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Hymn

Silent Night (vv. 1, 4)

UMH No. 239

Carillon Postlude

Chorale: “Vom Himmel hoch...” (“From Heaven Above...”)

Martin Luther