

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Service - 4:00p.m.

Welcome

Special Music: *O Holy Night!*

Lorna and Josh March; Mike and Lexie Vross

Lighting of the Christ Candle Marsha Malsack, Lorna March,
Athena, Persephone, Calliope, Iris, and Achilles Donnelly

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 249

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

**Gloria Patri:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.

THE GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

The Hope: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Isaiah 7:14

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 245, vs. 1

The Promise: Micah 5:2-5

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 250, vs. 1

The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn: *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 255, vs. 1

The Announcement to Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: *What Child Is This?* No. 281, vs. 1

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem* (M. Barrett)

The Birth: Luke 2:1-6

Hymn: *Away in a Manger* No. 262, vs. 1, 2

The Shepherds: Luke 2:8-12

Hymn: *The First Noel* No. 265, vs. 1

***The Angels:** Luke 2:13-14

Hymn: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 277, vs. 1, 2

The Gathering: Luke 2:15-20

Choral Anthem: *One Child* (J. Gallina)

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Scots Confession, 1560

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, His eternal wisdom, the substance of His own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David", the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

The Offering

Offertory

Holy Communion

The Message

The Invitation

The Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion (To be received by intinction.)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear No. 251

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You No. 271

Good Christian Men, Rejoice No. 273

One Small Child No. 280

Receiving the Light

Hymn: *Silent Night* (on back of Bulletin)

***Closing Hymn:** *Joy to the World!* No. 270

*Benediction

***Response:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 258, chorus

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE:

*Sunday, December 29th: 9:00a.m.

*Sunday, January 5th: 9:30a.m. services begin