

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2025

## Christmas Eve Service - 4:00p.m.

**Preservice Music:** *Emmanuel* (J. Southbridge) Boyd Thomas

### Welcome

**Prelude:** *O Holy Night!* Ralph Kramer

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Dub Williamson

The Light Enters

There is good news of great joy for all!

**Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

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

### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### THE GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Crystal, Josh

**God's Plan is Revealed:** Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

**Hymn:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 244, vs 1

**The Birth:** Luke 2:1-6

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

vs. 1: Duet; vs. 2: Congregation

**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

**Hymn:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* No. 259, vs. 1, 2

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** *What Child?* (Dix-Gray)

### The Offering

**Offertory:** *One Small Child* Hope, Nolan, Logan

Prayer of Confession: **God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ  
You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess**

that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ, the Lord. Amen.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing His love? **I will with God's help.**

### Holy Communion

#### The Message

#### The Breaking of the Bread

#### The Invitation

#### The Thanksgiving

**Sacrament of Communion** (*received by intinction, in which the bread is dipped in the cup and partaken.*)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 250, vs. 1, 2

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 251, vs. 1, 2

*Away in a Manger* No. 262

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* No. 271

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* No. 273

*Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 278, vs. 1, 3, 4

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Shine for Me Again, Star of Bethlehem* (D. Carter)

### Receiving the Light

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

### Christmas Prayer

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

**\*Benediction & Response:** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

## **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.