



First Presbyterian Church
Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

8:00 p.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music (7:35 p.m.) will be chosen from the following:

“O Come All Ye Faithful,” arr. Hanson; “In the Bleak Midwinter,” arr. Dempsey;
“Farandola,” arr. Kelley; Variations on “Picardy,” arr. Lasky;
Praeludium from “Song of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ,” Charpentier;
“What is this Lovely Fragrance?,” arr. Wagner; “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” Powell;
“Christmas Package,” arr. Hanson; “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” arr. Simone

* Processional Hymn 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

* Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Psalm 96:1–2

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Opening Hymn 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

The choir will sing verses 1-3. The congregation is invited to sing verse 4.

Words of Welcome

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD AND SONG

- First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 *Adam and Eve disobey God.*
- Choir Carol "God Rest You Merry, Gentle Ones"
All are invited to sing the refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.
- Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 *God's promise to Abraham*
- Choir Carol "The Star Carol" John Rutter
- Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 *A great light in darkness*
- Hymn 123 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
All will sing verses 1 and 2. The choir will sing verse 3. All will sing verses 4 and 5.
- Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 *A little child shall lead them*
- Choir Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 *An angel appears to Mary*
- Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 *Mary gives birth in Bethlehem*
- Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger"
High voices sing verse 1, Low voices sing verse 2. All voices sing verse 3.
- Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16 *Angels announce the Messiah*
- Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
- Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 *Magi come from the East*
- Carol 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
All are invited to sing the refrain.
***O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***
- * Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 *And the Word became flesh*
- Sermon ". . . The Power to Be Born . . ."
Rev. Carter
- Offertory "What Child is This?" arr. Charles Callahan
Catherine Huhn, flute
- * Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
We light our candles and reflect the grace of God.

* Blessing

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Alleluia!

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Diane Bish

If you are leaving before the music is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

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On Sunday, December 26 we will worship both in person and virtually at **10:00 a.m.**

As the year concludes, we want you to know of our gratitude for your support for our church's ministry and mission. Thank you for your consistent support and generosity. It helps you bring the Gospel alive in our community.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell
Ringers	Connie Weiss, Nathaniel Worrell

Instrumentalists: Catherine Huhn, flute; Connie Weiss, oboe;
Andy Kepler, clarinet; John Weiss, cello

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