

First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve for All God's Children

December 24, 2016

6:30 p.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Trumpet Tune on 'Joy to the World'" arr. Helman
"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Page

Welcome

Call to Worship

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people:

For to you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Light has shined on those who lived in a land of deep darkness.

* Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, you have sent your Son into the world.

***O God, fill us with love and wonder,
that with shepherds and wise men,
we may gather to adore the holy child,
the promised King,
and to worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.***

* Passing the Peace

The angels sing about peace on Christmas Eve:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among all."

The peace of the Lord be with all of you.

And also with you!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Response (to Hymn 133)

O come, let us adore him! O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Anthem

"Glory to God"

Larson

SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reading The Prophet Isaiah Tells of a Savior (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)
Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

Reading Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)
Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger"

Reading Angels Visit Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

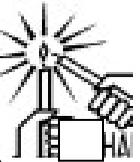
Reading The Wise Men Visit the Baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)
Hymn 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
We will sing each verse separately, as directed.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Offering Our Gifts to the Christ Child

Offertory "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Powell
Prayer of Thanks

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
*Please be careful in lighting candles, assisting children as needed.
For safety, please hold lit candles upright. Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.*



***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! 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.***

***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.***

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. Laskey

* All who are able shall stand.

Participants in Tonight's Service

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Christ Candle

Heather Cole and Family

We welcome visitors to our worship services and hope that you make your presence known! Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew and let us know you are here. On Sunday, December 25, we will worship with a Christmas Carol Festival at 10:00 a.m.

Large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from ushers. Please return worship aids to ushers after use.

Do you want to know more about our church? Pick up some information in the lobby and visit our website at www.fpccs.org.

Interested in joining this church? Mark the space on the friendship pad. We will offer a **New Member Seminar** after the first of the year for anybody who would like to discover more about our church. Reserve your spot by calling 586-6306 or by e-mailing us at office@fpccs.org.

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