



O Come Let Us Adore Him

First Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

8:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music

“Lauft, ihr Hirten, allzugleich”
“Sing We Now of Christmas”
“O Come, Little Children”
“Prepare the Way, O Zion”
“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”
“Sing Lullaby”
“Watchman, Tell Us”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

M. Haydn
arr. Kelley
D. Wagner
arr. Powell
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arr. Powell
Mansfield
Koury

Call to Worship

The angel has announced with joy:

Jesus, our Savior, is born!

With the shepherds, let us share the good news:

Jesus, our Savior, is born!

Among the angels, let us praise God, saying:

***Jesus, our Savior, is born! Glory to God in heaven
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!***

* Processional Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

***Great God, as you came at night when all was still,
so enter our lives this night.***

***Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence,
that we may clearly see the way, the truth,
and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.***

* 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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Words of Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Hymn 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn 86 "The People Who Walked in Darkness"
The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9
Carol "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

Lesson Luke 1:26-38
Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Lesson Luke 2:1-7
Choir Carol "Away in a Manger" arr. Powell
Catherine Huhn and Debbie Shane, flutes; John Weiss, cello

Lesson Luke 2:8-18
Sermon "Calling All Angels!" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* Affirmation of Faith

from John 1

***In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.
To all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God, who were born of God.***

Offering

Offertory

"Gesu, Bambino"
Catherine Huhn, flute; Kay Ten Eyck, organ

arr. Yon

* Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

* Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray . . .

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

*Please use care in lighting candles. For safety, hold lit candles upright.
Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Joy to the World"

arr. Michael Helman

* All who are able shall stand.

We welcome our visitors and are glad you are here!

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

Interested in discovering more about our church? Visit our website at www.fpccs.org.

On Sunday, December 25 we will worship at **10:00 a.m.**

Large print bulletins are available from ushers.

2023 offering envelopes for adults are available in the hall outside the sanctuary.

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 faith community.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist/Pianist	Kay Ten Eyck
Candlelighting Family	The Worrell Family

Readers: John Conklin, Dana Miller,
Diane Randall, Rev. Clinton Randall, Jana Schillinger

Instrumentalists: Catherine Huhn and Debbie Shane, flutes;
Connie Weiss, oboe and bells, Andy Kepler, clarinet;
John Weiss, cello; Nate Worrell, bells

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