

# “YOU WILL FIND A BABY

*wrapped in swaddling cloths  
and lying in a manger.”*

*Luke 2:12*



## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Christmas Pageant for All Ages

December 24, 2024

4:00 p.m.

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

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome  
Prelude

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

arr. A.D. Miller

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

***Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.***

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

***In his name and in his power, let us worship God.***

\* Hymn 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Prayer of Adoration

He came as a baby in a manger.

***O come, let us adore him.***

He came in a lowly stable.

***O come, let us adore him.***

Shepherds brought their worship.

***O come, let us adore him.***

Angels sang his praise.

***O come, let us adore him.***

Magi brought their gifts.

***O come, let us adore him.***

What shall we do?

***O come, let us adore him,***

***Christ the Lord. Amen.***

\* Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Response

***Light a candle bright and tall for the Christ we greet today.***

***Christ has come, our all in all. With the angels, let us say:***

***Shine within our hearts today. Come, O Christ, to us, we pray.***

**SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Introduction

Hymn 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Mary and Joseph

Hymn 115 “Away in a Manger”

The Animals

Hymn 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Angels

Hymn 117 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” (verses 1-4)

The Shepherds

Hymn 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Verses 1 and 5)

The Wise People

A Time with the Children

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 134

“Joy to the World!”

\* Affirmation of Faith

Good Christian friends, rejoice!  
Today our Lord comes in love and power,  
in grace and truth,  
offering hope and peace.

**Christ is born today! Alleluia!**

This promised one, mighty, though small,  
is our hope, our strength, and our life.

**Christ is born to save! Alleluia!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Offertory

“What Child is This?”

arr. Dorothy Wells

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Candlelighting Hymn 122 “Silent Night, Holy Night”



*Please be careful in lighting candles, assisting children as needed.  
For safety, hold lit candles upright. Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”

arr. James Vivian

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Advent Candlelighters	Holly and Kevin Shane, Dean, Colin, Jillian, and Gavin

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