



First Presbyterian Church
Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

8:00 p.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music (7:40 p.m.)

Call to Worship

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

* 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 path 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

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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Words of Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Hymn 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 5-7)

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol "The People Who Walked in Darkness

Refrain: **His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,
Father forever, Prince of Peace. (repeat)**

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forrest

Lesson Luke 1:26-38

Carol "No Wind at the Window"

Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Hymn 114 "Away in a Manger"

Lesson Luke 2:8-13

Carol "Shepherds in the Fields Abiding"

Lesson Luke 2:14

Sermon "Glory Up, Peace Down" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Offering

Offertory

"O, Holy Night"

Catherine Huhn, Flute

arr. Tom Fettke

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.

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

"In Dulci Jubilo"

arr. James Vivian

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist/Pianist

Kay Ten Eyck

Candlelighting Family

Susan, Ryan, and Ethan Flynn

Readers

Susan, Ryan, and Ethan Flynn,

Jana Schillinger, Jay Clymer, and Diane Randall

Instrumentalists

Connie Weiss, oboe; Debbie Shane,

flute; Andy Kepler, clarinet; John Weiss, cello

Bell Ringers

Judy Cutler, Connie Weiss, Marie Cochrane,
and Richard Cochrane

Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

We worship each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. For those unable to attend in person, our services are live-streamed on our YouTube page FPCCS.

We welcome our visitors and are glad you are here! Please take a moment 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.

Large print bulletins are available from ushers.

2025 offering envelopes for adults are available in the hall outside the sanctuary.

As the year concludes, we are grateful 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.

Next week, you may want to call before you stop by because the church staff will be visiting family members, catching up on sleep, or simply taking some breathing room after a very busy month.

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