



It is Good
to be children
sometimes
and never better than
at Christmas
when ITS MIGHTY
FOUNDER was a
child himself.

CHARLES
DICKENS

First Presbyterian Church

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

December 24, 2025

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 "Trumpet Tune On Joy to the World" arr. Michael Helman

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 the Peace

Lighting the Christ Candle

Advent Response

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

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

SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Introduction

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Joseph Has a Dream (Matthew 1:18-23)

Hymn 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7)

Hymn 115 “Away in a Manger”

The Angels Sing to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Wise Men See a Star (Matthew 2:1-12)
Hymn 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Verses 1 and 5)

Christmas Message

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!

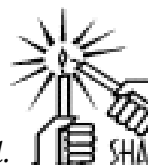
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering “What Child is This?” arr. Dorothy Wells
Offertory

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Candle lighting 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 “Toccata in 5/4 on Angels from the Realms of Glory (Gloria)
Arr. David Ibinaieye

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

* All who are able shall stand.
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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	

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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.

2026 offering envelopes for adults are available in the hall outside the sanctuary. You can also give online at [**www.fpccs.org**](http://www.fpccs.org).

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 because the church staff will be visiting family members, catching up on sleep, or simply taking some breathing room after a very busy month.

This Week at a Glance

Wednesday, December 24

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 4 p.m., Christmas Eve for All Ages
- 8 p.m., Lessons and Carols with the Adult Choir
- 11 p.m., Jazz Christmas Service with the Lord's Supper and the Presbybop Quartet, celebrating the 60th anniversary of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Thursday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, December 28

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

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