



First Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

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

Isaiah 9:2, 6

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

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

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

***and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

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

* Prayer of Adoration

***All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son,
whom you sent to save us.***

***With singing angels, let us praise your name and tell his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and acknowledge your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,***

***who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Response (Refrain, 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

OT, p. 3

Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Pink Zebra

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

OT, p. 640

Carol 373 "O Day of Peace"

Lesson Luke 1:26-38

NT, p. 56

Carol 119 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Lesson	Matthew 1:18-25	NT, p. 1
Carol	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	arr. Vaughn Williams
Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	NT, p. 58
Carol 114	"Away in a Manger"	arr. Willcocks
Lesson	Luke 2:8-14	NT, p. 58
Carol 113	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	
Sermon:	"How Do You Follow a Song Like That?"	Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith 1 John 1:1-3

***We declare to you what was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have looked at and touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life:
This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it
and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father
and was revealed to us —
what we have seen and heard we also declare to you
so that you also may have fellowship with us
and our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.***

Offering "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Michael Burkhardt
Offertory

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 "Toccata in 5/4 on Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Gloria)
arr. David Ibinaiye

* All who are able shall stand.

Luke 2:10-14 © 2025 Timothy R. Botts | Eyekons

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist
Christ Candle
Readers

Rev. William Carter
Frank Jones
Kay Ten Eyck
The Naeher Family
Cameron Taylor, Meg Carter
Karis Naeher, Jana Schillinger, Robert Taylor

Prelude Music for the 8:00 p.m. service

"Praeludium"	Charpentier
"Babe of Bethlehem"	The Southern Harmony
"Beside Thy Cradle"	arr. Powell
"Song of the Wise Man"	Puerto Rican traditional carol
"When Christ Was Born on Earth"	Baird
"Sing Lullaby"	arr. Powell
"In the Bleak Midwinter"	Holst; arr. Dempsey
"In Dulci Jubilo"	J.S Bach
"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"	arr. Powell
"Gesu Bambino"	Yon

Musicians

Catherine Huhn, flute
John Weiss, cello

Connie Weiss, oboe
Kay Ten Eyck, piano

Ice Festival Art Show

First Presbyterian is happy to host a juried photographic exhibit, as well as the fine artwork of its talented parishioners at the 2026 Clarks Summit Ice Festival, to be held January 30 through February 1. If you would like to be a part of the event, here's what you need to know.

- Elaine Tweedy will coordinate the Art Show again in January. If you are interested in participating, you will need to let her know by December 31, 2025. You can contact Elaine via her cell at 570-575-1705 or email: elainetweedy@gmail.com. All participants must be registered by that date. There will be no late entries accepted.
- Four pieces of art, photography, or sculpture may be submitted. Photography work, participating in the Juried part of the show, must be framed and backed with wire for hanging. Size limit is 20 x 30.
- Drop off of artwork and photography will be Thursday, January 29 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Pick up of your work will be Sunday, February 1 between Noon and 1:00 p.m. Photography work will be juried, with first place, second place and best of show awards. On the artist side of the event, there will be a first and second place award.

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. As the year concludes, we are grateful for the generous support we receive for our ministry and mission. Thank you!

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 may be visiting family members, catching up on sleep, or simply taking some breathing room after a very busy month.

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