

First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve for All God's Children

December 24, 2019

4:00 p.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. Page
"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Page

Welcome

Call to Worship

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people:

For to you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

* Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

***Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay
close by us forever and love us, we pray.
We invite you to draw near and dwell with us.
Surround us with your tender, caring presence,
that what we say and do in worship
might prepare us to live forever with you on earth and in heaven.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.***

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with all of you.
And also with you!

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!***

Anthem "Sing Noel" Sleeth
Alleluia and Chapel Choirs; Nathaniel Worrell, accompanist

SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reading The Prophet Isaiah Tells of a Savior (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

Hymn 134 "Joy to the World" (verses 1, 2)
***Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...***
***Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...***

Reading The Angel Gabriel Speaks to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vv. 1, 2)
***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."***
***Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity.
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."***

Reading Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger" (vv. 1, 2)

***Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

***The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.***

Reading Angels Visit the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)

Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

***Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

***Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

***Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

Christmas Message

Duet

"One Star"

Ariana Billiot and Riley Wescott

Rodgers

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Offering Our Gifts to the Christ Child

Offertory

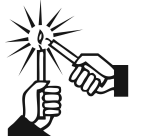
"What Child is This"

arr. Wells

Prayer of Thanks

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

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



***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.***

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Joy to the World"

arr. Bish

* All who are able shall stand.

We love to welcome young children and their families to our church!

- **Adventures in the Bible**, a program for young children and family members, begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We will learn about the Bible, prepare for worship, build friendships, and explore different ways to express our faith through arts, crafts, and music. We welcome children age 2 and older as well as parent(s), grandparent(s), older siblings. If you have questions, please contact Karis Naeher (klnaeher@outlook.com) or Tabbi Miller-Scandle (tabbi.miller-scandle@uofs.edu).
- There are activities for children in **worship bags** located in the Narthex.
- For the youngest children, we have a **fully-staffed nursery** in room 208.

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Participants in Tonight's Service

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Christ Candle	The Taylor Family

We are glad you are here! Thank you for celebrating Christmas Eve with us. Our Deacons would like to give a gift to our guests. Please speak to them at the sanctuary doors as you depart. We would also appreciate knowing that you are here, and invite you to sign the guest card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

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

On Sunday, December 29, we return to worship at 10:00 a.m.

Large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from ushers. Please return worship aids to ushers after use.

2020 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.