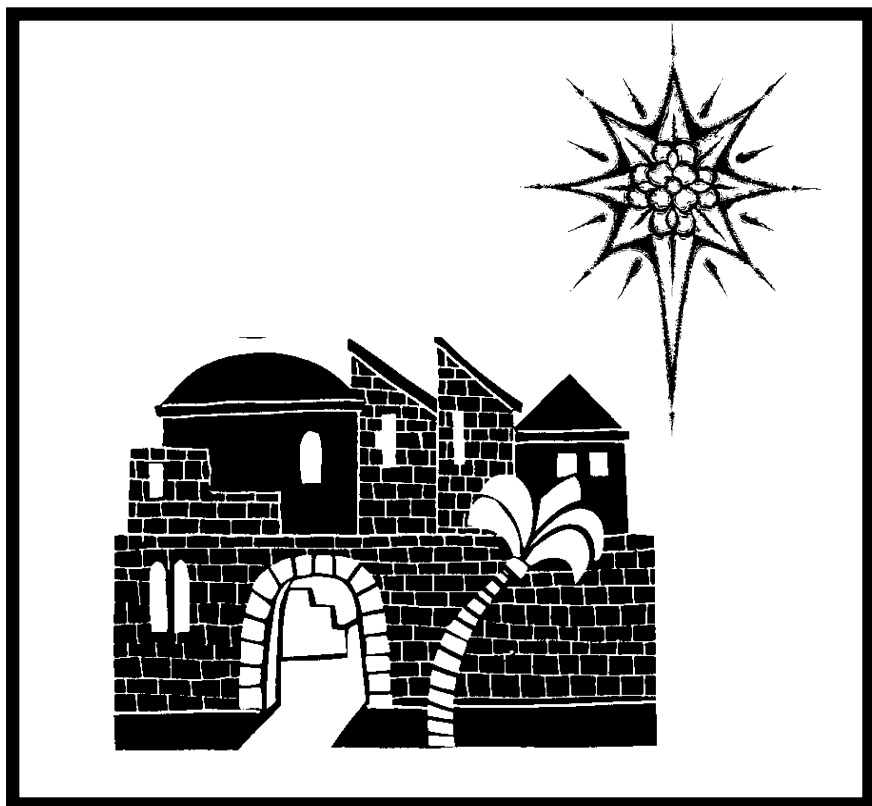


*The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols  
December 24, 2009*



**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

*Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.*

*\* The people stand.*

*Large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTARY

Music for Brasses  
The Presbyterian Brass Quintet

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**Hymn 49 Once in Royal David's City**

*Verse 1 solo, verse 2 choir only, verses 3 and 4 all.*

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**COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE** (*offered in unison*)

**Creator God, who in the fullness of time came to us in this little Child whose birth has become our birth, whose life is our life: lead us from whatever darkness may cloud our hearts to a brighter vision of life illumined by Him, the Light of the World. With the faithful everywhere, let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass. Let us go now to Bethlehem, and kneel there with poor shepherds, worshipping the Child in the manger. Let us go now to Bethlehem and with the great and wise ones, the Magi, present to Him the gifts of our lives. Let us go now to Bethlehem and with the angel host sing our own songs of praise to the Child who is our King, the King of Love. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** Stay with Us

*Egil Hovland*

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, and night is falling. Luke 24:29*

This anthem was given in loving memory of  
Philip K. Pierson, 1949-2009, by his wife, Lisa Danielson.

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3: 8-15 (O.T., p. 3)

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

**ANTHEM** The Lord at First Did Adam Make

*George Guest*

*The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise He placed him to dwell, that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well: now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live, and to rejoice and merry be, for now 'tis Christmas Eve. Now mark the goodness of the Lord which he to mankind bore; His mercy soon He did extend, lost man for to restore; and then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, He said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all: now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live, and to rejoice and merry be, for now 'tis Christmas Eve. And now the tide is nigh at hand in which our Savior came; let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same; let's feed the poor and hungry souls and such as do it crave: that when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have. Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live, and to rejoice and merry be, for now 'tis Christmas Eve.*

**SECOND LESSON**

Isaiah 11: 1-9 (O.T., pp. 640-41)

*The prophet Isaiah promises the birth and reign of the Messiah.*

**ANTHEM** Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

*Michael Praetorius/Melchior Vulpius*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung! It came a Flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.*

**CAROL 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Veni Emmanuel*

**THIRD LESSON**

Luke 2: 1-7 (N.T., p. 58)

*Luke tells the story of the birth of Jesus.*

**ANTHEM A Savior from on High**

Stephen Paulus

*O sweet was the song the Virgin sang when she to Bethl'em Judah came; and was delivered of a son, and Jesus was his name. Lullee, luuly, lullo, lullaby. And Jesus was his name. "O sweet baby," sang she, "my son." And so a Savior is born, who was given from on high to visit us that were forlorn. Lullee, lully, lullo, lullaby. And Jesus was his name. And sweet was the song she sang. Lullee, lully, lullo, lullaby.*

**FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2: 8-20 (N.T., p. 58)

*The angels sing in exultation, and the shepherds go to the manger.*

**ANTHEM Birthday Carol**

Sir David Willcocks

*Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, this is the birthday of our Lord, Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia, to them God's glory was revealed, Alleluia! Gloria in excelsis Deo! And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia, an angel said, 'Be not afraid,' Alleluia! Gloria in excelsis Deo! 'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia, 'Today is born a heavenly King,' Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! 'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia, 'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed,' Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo. A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia, Thus singing praise to God on high, Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia, and let our voices swell the song: Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**CAROL 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Mendelssohn

**FIFTH LESSON**

Matthew 2: 1-11 (N.T., p. 2)

*The Magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

**ANTHEM What Sweeter Music**

John Rutter

*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day that sees December turned to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth. We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his showers, turns the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honor, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling. What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King.*

Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

**\*SIXTH LESSON**

John 1: 1-14 (N.T., pp. 91-92)

*John's Gospel unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.*

**CAROL 53 What Child Is This**

Greensleeves

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM    Magnificat

Peter Aston

*My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he that scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

*At the candle lighting the ministers will move down the center aisle to light the first candle in each pew. Each person in turn will light the candle of the next worshiper. Everyone is requested to remain seated after the candles are lighted until each row is released by an usher. Then we will carry the light of the Christ child from the sanctuary to our homes as Christmas morning breaks, saying to one another, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

*The people singing*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

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## *The Service of Lessons and Carols*

is based on the service which has been a tradition at the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England, since 1918, but which actually goes back as far as 1880 to the Cathedral of Truro in Cornwall. The service tells the story of our salvation in Christ, beginning with the fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden, the prophecy of the Messiah by Isaiah, the birth of Jesus, and the visits to the manger by the shepherds and Magi, who signify the most humble and exalted of humankind. These readings from scripture are interspersed with carols sung by the congregation and anthems sung by the choir. As the procession of readers and the candles move toward the front of the sanctuary, we remember the unfolding of the Word in the long story of God's movement through history. At the conclusion of the service, as the candles of the faithful are lit, we remember that Christ is our Light and that we are to carry that Light into the darkness.



**LEADERS AND LITURGISTS** at the 5:00 p.m. service include the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris, Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, and Melissa Anne Rogers. The leaders and liturgists at 7:30 p.m. include the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris, Jenny McDevitt, Jim Monnett, and Sarah Wiles.

**THE CONDUCTOR** is Susan Boggs, Music Director.

**THE ORGANISTS** are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director.

**THE SOLOISTS** are Clayton Farmer, Dorian Hall, and Leslie Smith.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN BRASS QUINTET** includes Chris Albrecht and Jonathan Ney, trumpet; Martha Farmer, tenor trombone; Gary Hellick, bass trombone; and Melanie Hellick, horn.

## *Announcements*

**THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** at 11:00 p.m. this evening.

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, December 27, at 10:00 a.m. Children are encouraged to worship with their parents; childcare will be available for the youngest children only. (Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.)

**THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED** on December 25, 28, and January 1. The building will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 31.



**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE FRIENDS IN DEED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

for the construction of a new building on Ecorse Road in Ypsilanti. Friends In Deed is an interfaith volunteer organization that responds to the needs of Washtenaw County residents that other service agencies do not meet. It also provides services such as information, referrals, and screening, to congregations and agencies, as well as resources to people in need.

# The Poinsettias

*that decorate the chancel are given in memory or in honor of a loved one or family member. Following worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by the deacons to our shut-ins, those who are ill, and those who are grieving.*



## In Memory of:

Barbara Alexander  
George Alexander  
Lois Alexander  
Paul Alexander  
Elmer Apley  
Pauline Apley  
David A. Austin  
Marty Austin  
William E. Austin, Sr.  
Dorothy Ball  
Leroy Ball  
Joan Banfield  
Ralph Banfield  
Claude Barnard  
Lyle Barnard  
Marion Barnard  
Fred L. Bartman  
Carl Bartscht  
Jo Bartscht  
Jeane Bartels  
Audrey T. Baseman  
Signe Bates  
Kelly Binkley  
Catherine Brenkert  
Cornelius Brenkert  
Rev. Charles F. Brewer  
George R. Brewer  
John J. Bryant  
Edna Carlisle  
Richard Carlisle  
Arnold Clausen  
Clara Clausen  
Guernsey Collins  
Reina Collins  
Blanche Cordes  
James Wesley Cordes  
Ken Croft  
Mary Croft  
Ilene DeHaan  
James Dewar  
Alma Dickinson  
Anson Dickinson  
David Dickinson  
Eleanor Dickinson  
Angela S. Dobson  
Peter M. Dobson  
Russell T. Dobson, Jr.  
William T. Dobson  
Anne Kaminsky Donofrio

Hugh Donofrio  
Patrick Dorn  
Thomas Dorn  
Helen (Kay) Dornbush  
Nancy LaMoreaux Doyle  
David G. Endicott  
Leonel M. Esch  
David Emmons  
Richard (Dick) Emmons  
Cheri DeHaan Erben  
Margaret Ference  
Michael Ference  
Mary Jane Fisher  
Olga Fortino  
Mary Friskey  
Edmund Galant  
Marjorie Galant  
Lisa Ann Gallagher  
Robert Gardner  
Lloyd Gauntlett  
Brewster Gere  
Margaret Chamberlain Gere  
Elizabeth N. Glinka  
Lourdes Guerra  
Nell Funderburk Hambrick  
Marion Hanley  
Jeff Hardenbrook  
Weldon Hare  
Bonnie Urquhart Heald  
Edwin Henry  
Myra Henry  
Griffith Herold  
Mary Herold  
Katherine Stovall Hibbs  
Alan Hobart  
Mady Hobart  
Vernon Hobart  
John H. Holmes, Sr.  
Ernest Horngren  
Katherine Horngren  
Phyllis Howard  
Don Howe  
Sybil Howe  
Frances Humphreys  
Delia S. Hunter  
John C. Hunter  
Milton V. Hunter  
John C. Hunter, Jr.  
Kathryn Inglis  
Pek S. Jo  
Fran Johnson

Johnny Johnson  
 Helen Kaser  
 Robert Kaser  
 Gertrude Keegan  
 Robert Keegan  
 Donald Kerr  
 June Kerr  
 Laura E. Kingery  
 Richard M. Kingery  
 Brian Konefke  
 Ken Kooyers  
 Alma Kruger  
 Betty Kuizenga  
 Henry Kuizenga  
 Elizabeth Kunkel  
 Pamela LaMoreaux  
 Douglas Lane  
 Thomas W. Leabo  
 Kenneth Lindley  
 Harris McClamroch, Jr.  
 Ruth S. McCracken  
 Patrick McDevitt  
 Barbara McKinley  
 Jan Mack  
 Norma V. Meyers  
 George Milroy  
 Ellen C. Molin  
 John C. Molin  
 John H. Molin  
 Peg Molin  
 James Mortensen  
 Marie Mortensen  
 Stephen Patton Moss  
 Robert E. Mueller  
 Elizabeth Najpaver  
 Joseph Najpaver  
 Merle Nash  
 Vina Nash  
 Anne Niedzielski  
 Delia Ouimet  
 Edward Ouimet  
 Lawrence Ouimet  
 Magdaline Ouimet  
 Clare M. Palmer  
 Harry H. Palmer  
 Robert Patton  
 Sook Chung Park  
 Dorothy Parker  
 William M. Perrett III  
 Maynard Phelps  
 Mildred Phelps  
 Fred Pickard  
 Vernon J. Piers  
 Philip K. Pierson  
 Richard Platt, Sr.  
 Frank Polkowski  
 Beatrice Prescott

Gerald Prescott  
 Herman Primas  
 Margaret Primas  
 Vivian Reese  
 Walt Reese  
 Robert C. Ressler  
 Henry Rezmierski  
 Olga Rezmierski  
 Hillary Dobson Ripmaster  
 Charlie Roberts  
 Lena Roberts  
 Margaret Ruggles  
 Sumner Ruggles  
 Marcia Schmidt  
 Henry Schneider  
 Hilda Schneider  
 Sylvia Schwartz  
 Pearl Servais  
 Philip Servais  
 Douglas Smith  
 Donald Sorter  
 Gene Stefanski  
 Gideon Stegath  
 Mellicent Stegath  
 Virginia Stegath  
 Jean Stem  
 Russell Stem  
 Christine Officer Stephens  
 Duel Stephens  
 James E. Stephenson  
 Ruth Wood Stephenson  
 Sean Patrick Stephenson  
 Marian Strodman  
 Ruth Sutton  
 James Talbott  
 David K. Tanner  
 Glen K. Tanner  
 Maxwell E. Tanner  
 Barbara Ternes  
 Richard (Dick) Trytten  
 Charles D. Urquhart  
 Dorothy Waggoner  
 Ralph Waggoner  
 Ruth Waggoner  
 Perry Walker  
 Viola Walker  
 Maxine Walter  
 Almira White  
 Hubert White  
 Lucille Winger  
 William Winger  
 Carol B. Wood  
 Elsie M. Wood  
 William M. Wood  
 Wilder W. Woods, Sr.  
 Agnes Yarmain  
 Harry Yarmain



*In Honor of:*

David Arnsdorf  
 Jill Crabtree  
 Marti Dalley  
 Phil Dalley  
 Peggy L. Dry  
 Anne Duclos  
 Bernard Duclos  
 David Glinka-Endicott  
 Mark Glinka-Endicott  
 Matthew Glinka  
 Russell Glinka-Endicott  
 Sarah Glinka-Endicott  
 Blanche S. Erdman  
 Debbie Evett  
 Berether Hill  
 Mary Hunter  
 Mary Jones  
 Anna Oliva  
 Roy Oliva  
 Howard Parker  
 Jennifer Sansbury  
 Lynn Sutton