

Christmas Eve

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022



"Nativity" by Judith Tutin

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

— Luke 2:1-7 —

Welcome to Worship!

We are glad that you are here to share the joy of this holy night.

Our prayer is that you sense the presence of the One whose birth we celebrate, and you leave inspired to shine the light of Christ's love in the world.

Friendship Pad

Please let us know of your presence by signing the Friendship Pad or by using a mobile device to scan the QR code below.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship; however, if you need childcare, it is available during the 5:00 and 8:00 pm services for children five and younger on Level 1.

Offering

For decades, First's Christmas Eve offering has helped individuals and families in need in our community. This year we continue this tradition of supporting local mission partners Alpha House, SOS Community Service, and Shelter Association-Delonis Center. Join us in extending housing and support services to those in need as a signpost of God's great welcome to each and everyone of us.

Join Us on Sundays

We hope you will join us on Sunday, December 25, as we celebrate Christmas Day in one service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite toy to the worship service.

On Sunday, January 1, Epiphany Sunday, there will be one worship service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion.

The church building will be closed Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

Beginning January 8, 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship in Monteith Hall	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation for Children
9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary	12:00 p.m. Ukirk @ UMich College Ministry
10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Youth Group
11:00 a.m. Faith Formation for Adults/Youth	7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adults

Life Together

Get involved in small groups, mission activities, music programs, and children and youth events outside of Sunday morning. We'd love to share more with you about the possibilities. Please contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 734-662-4466.

To learn more about First Pres, visit us online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.



ONLINE
FRIENDSHIP PAD

Service of Lessons & Carols

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5:00 & 8:00 P.M.

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	<i>Canzon Duodecimi Toni</i> Brass and Organ	Giovanni Gabrieli

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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.
You have increased the joy of the nation as with joy at the harvest—
For the yoke of their burden, and the rod of their oppressor, you have broken.
For to us a child has been born; to us a son has been given.

Authority shall rest upon his shoulders, and he shall be called
**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with
righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

* CAROL 140	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> Jacqueline Vercler, soloist	IRBY
	<i>After the solo stanza, the congregation is invited to sing stanzas 2, 3, and 4.</i>	

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God,
by the gift of your Holy Spirit
show us the Word made flesh –
good news of great joy for all –
so that we may sing with the angels:
glory in the highest and peace on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

ANTHEM

Deo Gracias from *A Ceremony of Carols*
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

Deo gracias! Adam lay ibounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long. Deo gracias!
And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok,
As clerkès finden written in their book. Deo gracias!
Ne had the appil take ben, ne haddè never our lady
A ben hevenè queen. Blessèd be the time that appil take was.
Therefore we moun singen. Deo gracias!

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1–11

* CAROL 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG HERRAN

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

CAROL 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

CAROL 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–20

* CAROL 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;
Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Refrain: See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!
Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,
Bear the news with its message of good cheer:
"Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! (Refrain)

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary. (Refrain)

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,
Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! (Refrain)

SEVENTH LESSON John 1 (selected verses)
(The Christ Candle is lit, and a moment of silence is kept.)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.
And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

* CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *The Work of Christmas* Dan Forrest
When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations;
To bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

Text: Howard Thurman

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The ministers light the first candle in each pew. Each person will light the candle of the next worshiper. Please keep the lighted candle upright when sharing the light.

CAROL SING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**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!”**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
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Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

**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.
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**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;
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* BENEDICTION

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Carry the light of the Christ child in your hearts and know the blessing of
Emmanuel, God with us.*

* CAROL 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

Keith Chapman



MUSICIANS - 5:00 & 8:00 PM

Chancel Choir

Alex Wilson, Trumpet

Timothy Krohn, Trumpet

Denise Pierce, Horn

Joseph McInchak, Trombone

Martha Farmer, Bass Trombone

David VanderMeer, Conductor & Minister of Music and Fine Arts

David Hufford, Organist

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God—in the darkest time of the year
we gather to hear again an ancient story—
to listen for tidings of comfort and joy in the night air,
to make our way through the cold to a place of birth.**

**In a time of anxiety and anguish,
we gather in this beloved Light to be healed of fear and anger,
to practice believing your promise of peace and goodwill on earth.**

**In the quiet splendor of this night,
whisper to us between all the familiar words and cadences.**

**And when we have received these treasures of song and story,
send us home by a different way—
to plant hope even in the chill earth,
to kindle light even in the darkest time,
to create peace even where we can scarcely imagine it—
for we pray in the name of the One
whose birth brings us back to life. Amen.**

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* CAROL 113

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THIRD READING

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ANTHEM

Star Carol
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

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It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

**It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
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