



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

DECEMBER 24, 2015  
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
5:00 and 7:00 p.m.



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*Welcome to all! A special welcome to guests and newcomers. Let us know of your presence by signing the red pad which is at the end of each pew. Please introduce yourself to a minister after the service.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

<i>O Come, Emmanuel</i>	arr. Alice Parker
<i>Comfort Ye from Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel
<i>And the Glory from Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel
<i>Ding! Dong! Merrily on High</i>	arr. Carolyn Jennings
<i>Ding! Dong! Merrily on High</i>	arr. Luther Henderson
<i>Sussex Carol</i>	arr. David Willcocks
<i>Sussex Carol</i>	arr. Luther Henderson
<i>Star Carol</i>	John Rutter
<i>Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella</i>	arr. Luther Henderson

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 9:2, 6

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

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined.**

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

**All: authority rests upon his shoulders  
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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

IRBY

*Please stand with the choir to sing Stanzas 2-4.*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**Holy God, creator of all and giver of life, we gather on this holy night to bow in wonder and sing your praise. How rich is the glory you have made our own! How great is the hope you give us each one! Let us be born anew in the fullness of your Spirit and praise you with unending song. We pray through Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the splendor of eternal light. Amen.**

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

ES IST EIN' ROS'

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-9

**HYMN 38** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

**SECOND LESSON** Micah 5:2-5a

**ANTHEM** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Stephen Paulus

**THIRD LESSON** Luke 2:1-7

**SOLO** *Gesù Bambino*

Pietro Yon

**FOURTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-14

\* **HYMN 31** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*Please stand with the choir.*

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 2:15-20

**HYMN 23** *Angels, We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

**SIXTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11

**ANTHEM** *The First Nowell*

Mack Willberg

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SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

\* **HYMN 41**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

*Please stand with the choir.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**Offertory**

*This Christmastide*

Donald Fraser

Green and silver, red and gold,  
And a story born of old.

*Truth and love and hope abide.*

*This Christmastide, this Christmastide.*

Holly, ivy, mistletoe,  
And the gently falling snow.

From a simple ox's stall  
Came the greatest gift of all.

Children sing of peace and joy  
At the birth of one small boy.

Let the bells ring loud and clear,  
Ring out now for all to hear.

Trumpets sound and voices raise  
In an endless stream of praise.

Green and silver, red and gold,  
And a story born of old.

*Peace and love and hope abide.*

*This Christmastide, this Christmas tide.*

Text by Jane McCulloch

**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; 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**

*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 worshipper. Please keep the lighted candle upright when sharing the light.*

**Carol Sing**

*Please remain seated.*

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:**

**Let earth receive her king;**

**Let every heart prepare Him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing. . . .**

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

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.

#### BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candle after the benediction and before leaving your pew. Carry the light of the Christ child in your hearts and know the blessing of Emmanuel, God with us.*

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

#### \* POSTLUDE

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

**The pastors participating** at 5:00 p.m. are The Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Resident Minister Daniel Ervin, The Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, and The Reverend Dr. James Monnett. The pastors participating at 7:00 p.m. are The Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, The Reverend Jay Sanderford, The Reverend Emily Béghin, and The Reverend Angela Ryo.

**Musicians providing worship leadership this evening** include Kelly McDermott, flute; Yuki Harding, oboe; Jeffrey Lewandowski, trumpet; Paul Lewis, trumpet; Carrie Banfield-Taplin, horn; Joe McInchak, trombone; Martha Farmer, bass trombone; Margot Box, harp; Carol Muehlig, organ; Brooke Phillips, treble (5:00 p.m.); Margaret Crawford, treble (7:00 p.m.); Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; Jason Berger, tenor; Michael Miller, baritone; and Chancel Choir.

**Ushers** at 5:00 p.m. are Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Mark Fogarty, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Angela Yang, Ben Myers, Nancy Myers, Olivier Jolliet, and Nicole Jolliet. Ushers at 7:00 p.m. are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Mark Fogarty, Carter Hodgson, Peggy Hodgson, Amy Hilscher, Sean Hilscher, Mackenzie Hilscher, and Hailey Jane Hilscher.

**Acolytes** at 5:00 p.m. are Jenna King, Charlie Rogers, Kate Monnett, and Josh King. Acolytes at 7:00 p.m. are Leina Kaehr, Sean Tichenor, Anna Kaehr, and Erin Tichenor.

**The 2015 Christmas Eve offering** will be sent to Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti to improve access to mental health services. Our gifts will enable patients to see trained therapists, counselors and social workers. Please use the special Christmas Eve offering envelopes to support this ministry and mark your check "Hope." **If you wish to direct your offering toward your tithe or pledge, please indicate "church" on your check and place it directly in the offering plate.**

**Join us for "Joy to the World" – A Festival of Carols and Hymns for Christmas** on Sunday, December 27, at 10:00 a.m. Come early and enjoy coffee and fellowship. Rev. Béghin will give the homily. There are no other worship services that day. Childcare will be provided for crib through age five. The service will include many Christmas hymns and carols, along with solo organ repertoire by J. S. Bach, Louis-Claude Daquin, Johannes Brahms Michael Burkhardt and Paul Manz. Tom Granum will be the organist for the service.

**The church building will be closed** December 25, 26, 28, and January 1.

**Year-End Finance Information:** The IRS requires that we close our books for 2015 on December 31. Make sure you allow sufficient time for your donation to make it to the office for your contribution to be applied to your 2015 statement. If the Finance Office door is locked, use the mail slot. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year, and must be renewed each year. A new commitment form is available on the First Pres website or in the Finance Office. 2016 envelopes will be available for pickup in the Finance Office beginning December 27.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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