



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

DECEMBER 24, 2016
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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



Holy Night © 2016 John Stuart

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.

PRELUDE

Gloria

John Rutter

1. Allegro vivace
2. Andante
3. Vivace e ritmico

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.

*Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace
to all those of good will.
We praise thee. We bless thee.
We worship thee. We glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
according to thy great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.	<i>Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.	<i>For Thou alone art holy,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>Thou alone are the Lord.</i>
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.	<i>Thou alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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
Stand with the choir to sing Stanza 2 and remain standing for the prayer.

* 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

ANTHEM *See Amid the Winter's Snow* Dan Forrest

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 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

ANTHEM *The First Nowell* Mack Willberg

SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

* **HYMN 41** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Burkardt
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Johannes Brahms

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

The ministers light the first candle in each pew. Each person 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. . .**

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

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**

* 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.

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.

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

We thank the choral and instrumental musicians for their worship leadership this evening as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Ushers at 5:00 p.m. are Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Nicole Jolliet, Spaulding Clark, Kathy Clark, Lindsay Clark, Keith Molin, Rick Boothman, Karen Gardstrom, and Jim Rogers. Ushers at 7:00 p.m. are Bill Austin (head), Keith Molin (captain), Bob Crawford, Nancy Crawford, John Crawford, Katherine Crawford, Margaret Crawford, Tom Crawford, and Cindy Crawford.

Acolytes are Kate Monnett, Laura Stahl, Charlie Rogers, and Luke Rogers at 5:00 p.m. Acolytes at 7:00 p.m. are Erin Tichenor, Aedan Mulcrone, David Endicott, and Sean Tichenor.

The 2016 Christmas Eve offering will provide clean water and safe, sturdy housing to Haitians after Hurricane Matthew contaminated water sources and wrecked thousands of homes. Gifts will be divided equally between Living Waters for the World, a Presbyterian mission project that helps small communities build and operate systems to supply clean water, and The Building Goodness Foundation, that builds replacement houses for families. Please mark your check or envelope "Haiti" to support this effort.

Candlelight Communion – December 24 – 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship – December 25

Family Worship 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Day Worship – January 1, 2017

Family Worship and Communion 10:00 a.m.

The January Communion Food Collection is for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also feed others and support those in need. Your food donations or financial contributions are appreciated.

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

Year-End Finance Information:

Please consider a year end gift to support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. The IRS requires that 2016 books be closed on December 31. Make sure your donation is postmarked by December 31 for your contribution to be applied to your 2016 financial statement. **If you have not yet made a commitment for 2017 know that every gift makes a difference.** The session will be approving the 2017 budget in January. Let them know they can count on you! Financial Commitment and Opportunities to Serve forms are available online and in the Finance Office. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year. A new authorization form, available on our website and in the Finance Office, must be filled out annually.

First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter January 2 – 16, 2017. Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Evening volunteers and overnight hosts are needed each night. Drivers are needed on weekend mornings and donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are requested. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036) to find out how you can help.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

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Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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