



**Tuesday, December 24, 2024 ~ Christmas Eve Service**  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship (*Sanctuary*)

**Welcome** (10:40 PM)

Rev. Wes Allen

**Carol Concert**

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

*(During our worship, please refrain from applause. Receive the gift!)*

Chapel Choir

***O Come, Redeemer of the Earth***

Hanson

Juliet Barton, Soprano; Ivan Denissoff, Bass

***Guiding Star Carol***

Danish

***How Still***

Everson

***Andalusian Carol***

arr. Nienow

***Do You See a Star?***

Schackley

***Chime Music***

Old French Carol

# Noel! Noel! Noel!

George Strid

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Manion Family

### \*Call to Worship (responsive)

Frank & Carol Manion

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Those who dwelled in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;

**and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

Rejoice! The Light of the world has come.

**Let us worship the newborn King, the Savior of all!**

### \*Hymn No. 146

*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

### Introit

*Niles*

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

arr. Innes

### First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Amit Joshi

*Hymn (Seated)*

*Lift Up Your Heads*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold the King of glory waits.**

**The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.**

**Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

### Second Lesson

Micah 2:2-5a

Warren Gaskill

**Response**

***Break Forth, O Beautious Heavenly Light***

J. S. Bach

Adult Choir

### Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Vivian Allen

**Anthem**

***The Message***

Dutch Carol

Adult Choir

### Fourth Lesson (Seated)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Brian Perkowski

**Hymn No. 167** (vs. 1-2)     ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

**Fifth Lesson**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

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**Anthem**

***All My Heart This Night Rejoices***

Eheling

Adult Choir

**Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2:8-16

Elder Chery Gaskill

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**\*Hymn No. 152**

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

**Seventh Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

Nikki Ariaratnam

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**Anthem**

***The Coventry Carol***

arr. Andrews

Adult Choir

**Christmas Offering**

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**Offertory**

***Christmas Eve***

English

Adult Choir

**\*Eighth Lesson**

John 1:1-14

Layla & Vikram Joshi

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**Anthem**

***A Babe is Born***

Bainton

Adult Choir

**Meditation**

***The Boundless Love of God***

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**Christmas Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ('debts')

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**Lighting of the Candles**

*When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one.  
As we light our candles, remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing.*

***\*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

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, goodwill to men from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing;  
and ever o'er its babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on. The 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 all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

***\*Silent Night! Holy Night!***

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 affair; 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.

**\*Christmas Benediction** (*Carefully extinguish candles*)

Rev. Allen

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Following worship, candles may be deposited in the boxes at the exit doors.



**11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Ministry**

<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Matt Miller
<b>Musicians:</b>	Joel Krott, Rachel Ferguson, Chapel & Adult Choirs
<b>Ushers:</b>	Patrick McIlroy, Mike Welch, Sherrell Fitts
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Joe Molloy
<b>Property Staff:</b>	Steve Margerum, Angel Contreras
<b>Cover Artwork:</b>	Sofia de la Cruz ( <i>9 years old</i> )

**Wednesday, December 25:** Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., Dr. Jonathan Miller preaching.

**Church Office** will be closed December 25-26 and January 1, 2025.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the First Presbyterian Church staff!*

**Epiphany Service:** Please join us on Sunday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m. featuring the Choristers, Chapel and Adult Choirs. Choirs will perform carols, songs, and anthems of the season, including multi-choir works.