

Silent Night, Holy Night
Dr. Bob Burton, guitar

**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.**

As we sing this carol, the ushers will lead the congregation from the sanctuary, beginning with the front pews. As you exit the building, please extinguish your candle. You may take the candle with you or place it in one of the baskets on the sanctuary porch.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this evening. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Tonight's offering will be given to support the position of Patient Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Coordinator of the Athens Nurses Clinic. The clinic sees many patients who are seriously ill and for whom generic medications are not adequate or even available. Our special offering will help the Athens Nurses Clinic assist its most critically ill patients obtain the life-sustaining medications they require.

Nurseries for infants and toddlers are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass doors.

We thank the December Flower Committee for decorating our church and sanctuary during Advent and Christmas.

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

Those who wish to make a contribution to the church before the end of the year please note the following: for tax purposes the contribution must be claimed in the year in which it is delivered. One exception is a check; which is deductible in the year it is mailed (and postmarked) even though it is received by the church early in the new year.

USHERS

6:00 p.m.

Randy Dudley (head),
Carl Bergmann, Scott Collins,
Jimbo LaBoon III, Bruce Miller,
Keith Oelke, John A. Simpson,
Bo Thurston

8:00 p.m.

Allen Crowell (head), Phyllis Crowell,
Ron Cox, Don DeMaria, Ed Law,
David Mendenhall

LOOKING AHEAD

December 25 - Christmas Day, Dr. Bruce Lancaster

10:30 a.m. Open presents and join us! We will have one informal worship service. (Sunday School will not meet.)

December 26 - 27

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

January 1 - New Year's Day, Communion Sunday/Food Sunday*

10:30 a.m. We will have one worship service. (Sunday School will not meet.)

December 30 - January 2

Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

January 8 - Extended Food Sunday*

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School resumes for all ages

* January 1 and 8 we will be collecting pork & beans, spaghetti sauce, salmon, and tuna for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank.



Christmas Eve

Candelight Communion Service

December 24, 2016
6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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