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*Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 134
Charge and Benediction...

Postlude "In dulci jubilo" J.S. Bach

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

- Tonight's Offering is for Opportunity House, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church.
- Following the service, the Session of FPC is hosting a time for fellowship and refreshments in the Simon Room.
- As you leave, place your extinguished candle in the baskets in the Narthex or at the side door in the foyer.
- Please pick up your poinsettias following the worship service.
- Thank you to Dr. Barbara Grissett for providing music for tonight's service.



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

5:00 p.m.

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First Presbyterian Church
110 N. Main Street
Greeneville, Tennessee 37743

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Anthem Text:

“The Stable Carol”

Words and Music by John M. Smith

CCLI #11423725 & #20454448

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For the long week's journey,
But Mary bore the Lord of man,
King of Kings, Messiah.
I the donkey, the cow and lamb,
Hear the angels singing,
But I wonder:
“Will He be gentle like me?”
Alleluia, Alleluia.
But I wonder:
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I the cow gave up my hay,
For this babe to lie on.
Strange, a King in stable born,
Far from warmth and comfort.
Shepherds kneel now at the door,
Angles still are singing.
Yet I wonder:
“Can He be gentle like me?”
Alleluia, Alleluia.
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I the lamb with naught to give,
Understand His meaning.
Born like me a sacrifice,
Pure, holy, humble.
Born not just the Lord of Man,
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For this I know,
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Prelude "Noel" Claude Louis D'Aquin

Solo "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam
Jill Oberfeiting – soloist

Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Hymn "Love Has Come" No. 110
(Congregation Remains Seated)
Scripture Reading and Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

**We have responded to your call with our presence,
gathering as a community of faith to worship you and
sing praises to your name. Now we come to the part
where you ask us to come clean – to confess the ways
we've pretended to be what we're not, and refused to be
who we are. In the starlight of your Bethlehem grace,
forgive our pretending and our pretension; give us
courage to risk being no less and no more than what you
created us to be; through Jesus Christ the manger-born
Messiah. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 132

First Reading: Titus 2:11-14

*Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

Solo "Sing a Song of Christmas Peace" John Smith
John Smith – soloist

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 113

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Meditation "Darkness Welcomes the Light" Greg Cartwright

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Music during Communion:

(The congregation is encouraged to sing along.)

Hymn No. 115 "Away in a Manger"

Hymn No. 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn No. 124 "Still, Still, Still"

Prayer After Communion

Lighting of the Candles

The pastor will begin lighting your candle. Pass the light as you sing. On Stanza 4 raise your candles high. When the hymn is over, please put out your candles. When you leave, place your extinguished candle in the baskets provided.

*Hymn "Silent Night" No. 122

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.

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