



Christmas Eve Service * December 24, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship,
to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing,
to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.*

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

INTROIT

“Christmas Gloria”

Arr. Mary McDonald/Lloyd Larson

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Connie Fritz, *Liturgist*

One: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

All: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

One: This will be a sign for you:

you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

One: Let us go now to Bethlehem.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem; Jesus is born

*Hymn #192 *(all verses)*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

John, Rebecca, Tripp and Audrey Peters

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

Angels announce Jesus' birth to the shepherds

Hymn #181 *(vss. 1-2)*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #179 *(vss. 1, 2, & 3)*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

Shepherds visit the manger

Hymn #186 *(all verses)*

“Away in a Manger”

*Hymn #170 *(vss. 1, 2 & 4)*

“Joy to the World”

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley K. Walker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Vocalist: Rebecca Brinson, Pianist: Tom Whiddon

COMMUNION

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: *(Prayer continues until all are invited to say the Lord's Prayer) . . .*

. . . Our Father,

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*Hymn #184 *(all verses)*

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

*SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Arr. Anna Laura Page

() Please stand as you are able.*