

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



December 24, 2025

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Organized 1892

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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  
& CANDLE LIGHTING  
December 24, 2025  
5:30 p.m.**

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**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Silent Night”  
*Trey Cox, Piano*

Arr.: Carolyne M. Taylor

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Ward Family

**CONGREGATION IN UNISON: *Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!***

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The impossible is about to happen in a stable.  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People:** **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has the light shined!**

Leader: This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,  
for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

**People:** **This is the evening when God embraced humanity  
from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**People:** **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
Amen!**

**\*HYMN #178**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

LATIN HYMN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSON**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSON:**

*Lord Jesus, this most holy of nights brings us gladness, grief, and joy. Gladness, because you left the splendor of heaven’s glory to come to a dark and cold world, to bring the light and warmth of your kingdom to a world so in need of your love, your peace, your joy. Grief, because you came into the world, yet the world did not receive you. You came to your own, and your own did not welcome you. And still today, people turn away from you. We turn away from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people. And finally, you bring us JOY, because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of you. Cleanse our hearts tonight, Lord Jesus, so that we may welcome you into our world as we have been welcomed.*

*Our prayers continue in silence...*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*HYMN #181

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

C. Wesley/F. Mendelssohn

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

“The First Noel”  
*Rebecca Brinson, Piano*  
*Tom Whiddon, Organ*

Ted Smith/Don Hustad

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah 9:2-7

\*HYMN #180

**“What Child Is This?”**

William C. Dix/ENGLISH MELODY

SECOND READING:

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION

Rev. Rick Douylliez

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O, Holy Night”  
*Tom Whiddon, Piano*  
*Trey Cox, Violin*

Rebecca Brinson, Soloist

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

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. . .**

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

\*HYMN #184 (*Candlelighting*)

**“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

Mohr/Young/Grüber

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”  
*Rebecca Brinson, Piano*  
*Tom Whiddon, Organ*

Arr.: Anna Laura Page

(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary this evening are to the Glory of God.*

# O Come, All Ye Faithful — 178

Latin hymn, 18th century  
Trans. by Frederick Oakeley

Wade's *Cantus Diversi*

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; Come ye, O  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; Sing, all ye  
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold Him, born the  
bright hosts of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry  
Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in

REFRAIN

King of an - gels:  
in the high - est: O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -  
flesh ap - pear - ing:

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

CHRIST: HIS BIRTH

# 181 — Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

CHARLES WESLEY

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord:  
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!  
 4. Come, De - sire of Na - tions, come! Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild— God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.  
 Rise, the wom - an's con - q'ring seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die;  
 Ad - am's like - ness now ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:

With th'an-gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."  
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.  
 Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

# What Child Is This? — 180

WILLIAM C. DIX

English melody

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3. So bring Him in-cense, gold and myrrh—Come, rich and poor, to own Him:

Whom an - gels greet with an - themes sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear—for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings—Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him thru, The cross be borne for me, for you:  
 Raise, raise the song on high—The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud— The babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh—The babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born— The babe, the son of Ma - ry!

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

# Silent Night! Holy Night! — 184

JOSEPH MOHR

Trans. by John F. Young

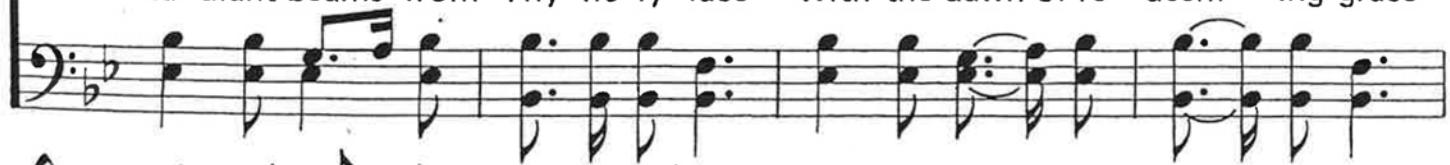
FRANZ GRÜBER



1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight;  
3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



Round yon vir - gin moth-er and Child, Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild -  
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia!  
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace -



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,  
Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth,

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Tune: STILLE NACHT

CHRIST: HIS BIRTH

## Resident Staff

Rick Douylliez .....	Transitional Pastor
Austin Pounds .....	Director of Christian Education
Penny Alligood.....	Administrative Assistant
Susan Pearson.....	Cornerstones Director
Rebecca Brinson .....	Director of Music
Tom Whiddon.....	Organist
Patty Tyson .....	Food Services Manager
Katrina Harvey .....	Housekeeping
Kai Smith.....	Secretarial Assistant
Marty Mathis.....	Treasurer

## The Session

### Class of 2025

Laura Hall  
Melody Jenkins  
Dan Jeter

### Class of 2026

Paul Herndon  
Aileen McNair  
Joan White

### Class of 2027

Elaine Barber  
Laura Perry Johnson  
Marshall McCranie  
Brooks Sheldon

## Presbyterian Women Executive Board

Molly Ellis .....	Moderator
Nancy Coleman .....	Vice Moderator
Aileen McNair .....	Secretary
Susan Reagin .....	Treasurer
Dottie Ward & Dianne Klar.....	Spiritual Enrichment
Laura Keith & Beth Cannon .....	Bereavement
Holly Beard & Rebecca Peters.....	Flower Committee
Lynda Harris & Susan Turner.....	Search Committee
Melody Jenkins.....	Special Events
Dianne Klar & Susan Turner .....	Morning Circle Chairs
Dottie Ward & Janet Sheldon .....	Evening Circle Chairs

**Men of the Church:** Meets one Sunday a month during the school year at 8:30 a.m. (location and dates vary)

## Preschool

Anna Davis .....	Director
Hope Keigans & Dawn Davis .....	One Year Old
Mary Madelyn Jacobs .....	Two Year Old
Aubrey Bennett .....	Three Year Old
Marilee Bridges .....	Four Year Old

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