

\*CAROL

**“Silent Night”**

*As we sing, all are invited to pass the light of Christ.*

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, led thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
“Alleluia” to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born.  
Christ the Savior is born.

BLESSING

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**“Joy to the World”**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven,  
And heaven and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

*Alejandro Alumbremos*

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2017 \* CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

*As you enter, please pick up a candle to light as we sing “Silent Night”*

**GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU AND BLESSINGS THIS HOLY NIGHT!**

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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“O Come All Ye Faithful”

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye,  
O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus,  
To Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens  
Of heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

\*EVENING PRAYER

WELCOME

*Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you come from and whatever  
you have done or failed to do, welcome to this place where we cele-  
brate the love of God and are inspired by the hospitality of Jesus  
Christ. May you find God’s love, peace and grace as we worship to-  
gether.*

CHANCEL CHOIR CHORAL ANTHEM

“The First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon”  
*Arranged by: Michael Clawson*

TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7 [N.T. 58]

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“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20 [N.T. 58]

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“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
*Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo; glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?  
*Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo; glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo; glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

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“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

REFLECTION

*Rev. Gillian Weighton*

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

“Greensleeves” (What Child Is This)  
*Arranged & Edited by: Carl Dolmetsch  
Performed by: Pat Badger, Roberta Moulds,  
Annli Nakayama, Mark Paffrath*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*We invite all to share in this meal and be reassured of God’s love and  
grace. Please come forward (as directed by the ushers), take a piece of  
bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Servers are available to serve those  
who wish to remain seated. If you need gluten-free, take a cracker from  
the basket.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*Ed & Jody Holle and Children*

One: Jesus, Light of the world is born for us in Bethlehem

All: Christ is born and the heavenly hosts join with us in  
the celebration

One: Jesus, the Prince of Peace comes to invite us to work for  
peace

All: May the peace of Christ be with us, tonight and always

One: Jesus, God’s gift of love to the world is here

All: May the love of Christ be known in every heart and may  
we show that love to others.