

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When lighting your candle, please tilt your unlit candle toward a lit candle. To avoid dripping wax, please do not tilt a burning candle.

After the benediction, please keep your candles lit and remain standing. The congregation will be dismissed by rows, beginning with the back pews, to ensure a safe exit for everyone walking with lit candles. We will exit the sanctuary through the middle aisle and middle doors onto the grounds in front of the church to continue singing outside once everyone is out of the sanctuary.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving
memory of Caroline Fair and John Stewart Fair, IV.
To God be the glory.*

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Order for the Worship of God
December 24, 2025

*First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
December 24, 2025*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Instrumental Prelude

✠The Responsive Call to Worship

Heb. 1:1-2, 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 6:14-15

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

Let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light,

To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Let us worship God.

✠The Invocation

Rev. Matt Miller

✠The Hymn *See, amid the Winter's Snow*

No.199

✠The Confession of Faith

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q.23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q.24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you have sent your incarnate Son to be our Prophet, Priest, and King, yet we confess that we have resisted Him: we have ignored His Word, relied on our own efforts instead of His sacrifice, and refused to submit to His rightful rule. Forgive us, Lord, for our pride, our stubbornness, and our self-centeredness; for the sake of Jesus Christ—who speaks your truth, offers Himself for our salvation, and reigns over all in mercy, have mercy on us and draw us to yourself. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:21

✠The Hymn *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

No.227

The New Testament Reading

Luke 2:8-14

The Grass withers the flower fades,

But the word of our God will stand forever.

The Homily

Rev. Heath Cross

A Prophet, Priest, and King for All Our Fears

✠The Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No.208(Vs.1&2)

The Lord's Supper

✠The Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No.208(Vs.3&4)

The Lighting of Candles

✠The Hymn

Silent Night! Holy Night!

*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,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! hail the King!
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 the light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.*

✠The Responsive Exhortation *1 John 1:5-7, Mat. 5:14-16*

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
That God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven

✠The Benediction