## Order of Worship for December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve

\*Please rise in body or spirit congregational responses in **bold print** 

Prelude

\*Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" Hymn 145

Welcome Rev. Anderson

Call to Worship Elder Ashley Gouger

Darkness is all around,

But love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies!

The wind blows cold for those exposed on the hills and streets.

But the warmth of love is felt in the touch of a mother's hand.

For those with heavy burdens and little hope this night is just like all the other long nights.

But the angels invite us to share in the wonder that love is born tonight.

We hold our hearts closed lest they are overwhelmed by the plight of the world.

But the heart of God is laid in a manger; Jesus within and among us.

Prayer Elder Ashley Gouger Incarnate God, born this day into the bustling heart of a peasant home to poor parents in occupied Israel, make your home among the poor, the prisoner, the despised of every time and place. Let your good news resound from the lips of outcasts until all people have opened their homes and hearts to them in you and you in them. Amen.

Advent Wreath "Christ Candle" DeGroff Family

\*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn 141

Story "The Birth of Jesus" Luke 2:1-7

\*Hymn "What Child Is This?" Hymn 137

Affirmation of Faith Elder Ashley Gouger

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to us, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his partners for the reconciliation of the world.

Story & Reflection "The Angel's Announcement" Luke 2:8-14

\*Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Hymn 133

Prayer for Christmas Rev. Anderson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem "The Shepherds' Nowell" Choir & Martha Grener

Anna Laura Page

Story "The Shepherds" Luke 2:15-20

\*Hymn "Silent Night" Hymn 147

Blessing

Postlude Leigh Anne Herd

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As you depart, please place your extinguished candle in the box by the door at the rear of the sanctuary.

Donations given will go to our benevolence funds to assist those in need in our community.

The community at LFPC welcome you to our service this evening. If you are visiting, please know that we are honored to have you with us and invite you to worship with us again.

If you have ordered one, you may take your poinsettia home after the service.

Thank you to our church staff and the many volunteers who prepared for this evening with care and joy. May our worship this evening bring "great joy to all the people"!

## **Regular Sunday services:**

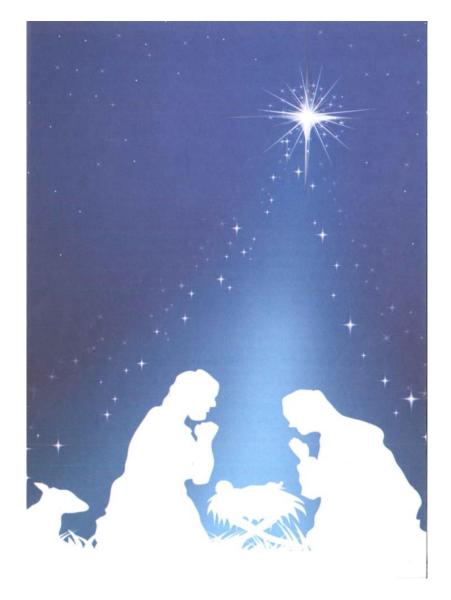
Worship 10:15 am

Contact the church office for bible study schedules

## Welcome to our guests!

- Complete a Connection Card to stay in touch with us.
- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- Restrooms are located through the left hand door at the front of the sanctuary and at the bottom of the stairs at the rear of the sanctuary.

LFPC welcomes **families with young children** to worship. Children are invited to stay with their adults in the sanctuary. Age-appropriate children's bulletins are available from an usher. Diaper changing stations are located downstairs and in the nursery.



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