

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Led by Christ, Together in Faith and Love, We Joyfully Think, Question, Grow & Serve!

## Christmas Eve

**December 24, 2025**



\*for those who wish to stand  
**Bold** print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

\*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER *Inhale: "The world feels dim."  
Exhale: "But glory grows in the dark."*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this holy night, we come,

**All: dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.**

One: On this holy night, we come,

**All: eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.**

One: On this holy night, we come,

**All: quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.**

One: On this holy night, we come,

**All: singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.**

One: Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

### CANDLE LIGHTING

The Peckham Family

### \*OPENING CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of angel choruses, you hang the stars in the sky, but we do not see them. You fill the night with angelic song, but we do not hear it. You send shepherds to tell the good news, but we do not believe them. You bring love into the world, but we do not seek it. Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract from the good news you put forth into the world. Tune our hearts back to your song. With hope we pray...**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Family of faith, when the angels arrived in the field that night, the shepherds were afraid. But the angels said:

**All: “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.”**

One: This good news is:

**All: love freely given, grace radically extended, welcome always offered, belonging never restricted.**

One: Friends, we are seen, loved, welcomed, forgiven, called, and sent to serve. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Nativity Carol*

*Ruttle*

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Page 80 NT

**CAROL**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**#121 v. 1 & 2**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

Page 80 NT

CHANCEL CHOIR

*What Strangers Are These?*

Forrest

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-11

Page 6 NT

NICK & SCOTT SALEM

*All Is Well*

Kirkpatrick

CHILDREN'S STORY

"Joy to the World: Christmas  
Around the Globe"

Pastor Phil

*A copy of the book will be made available to each family; others available upon request  
(sign up in narthex).*

**\*CAROL**

**Joy to the World**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*To give online, visit <https://www.fpcsalina.org/give>. To give over the phone, text FPCSalina and your dollar amount to 73256 or download our Realm Connect App.*



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Mary, Did You Know*  
*Sang by Nick & Scott Salem*

Lowry/Greene

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Please pass the light to your neighbor: the lit candle should be held upright and the unlit candle is tipped to the flame.*

*Thank you.*

**\*\*\* Please return your unlit candles to baskets after worship. \*\*\***

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, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Worship Assistant: *Trey Cullins*

Hospitality Host: *Soderberg & Cooper Families*

Ushers: *The Speer Family*





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**The Duncan Lot Fund**, in memory of B.F. & Edith Duncan and Florence Anderson

**Ruth Ascher**, in memory of Steve Ascher

**Shannon & Jo Buchanan**, in honor of our children and church family

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**Shanna Dunn-Vigare**, in memory of Lou Ann & Tom Dunn

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in memory of Francis Traylor Family

in memory of Jenell Traylor & Arthur Pierson Christmas Wedding

**Craig, Cary, Clark & Amber with Addison, Mallory and Claire Renfro**, in memory of  
Dick Renfro - Father/Grandfather & Eric Kindlesparger - Father/Grandfather  
in honor of Toni Renfro - Mother/Sitti

**Renfro Family**, in honor of Addison, Mallory & Claire  
in memory of Dick Renfro

**Martha Rhea**, in honor of The Jaych Rhea Family

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**Connie Smith Knight**, in memory of Eleanor and Max Smith

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in honor of Our Church Family  
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in honor of Phil & Kathy Price

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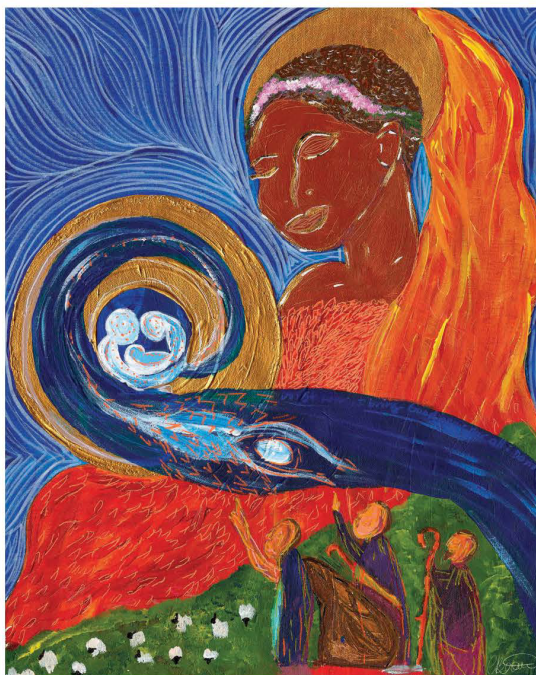
**Shannon & Jo Buchanan**, in memory of Our Parents

**Dave & Ann Payne**, in honor of our children and grandchildren



Christmas Eve | What do you fear?

**GOOD NEWS IS LOUDER THAN FEAR**



## Good, New

by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Inspired by Luke 2:1-20

16"x20" Acrylic on canvas

We often link fear and anxiety to bad news. But what about the moments when the news is good—almost too good to believe? The dream job offer arrives. The long-hoped-for pregnancy test is finally positive. The illness goes into sudden remission.

Euphoria, the fear of good news, often stems from past losses, fear of change, or the pressure of new expectations. Joy and relief may come first, but they're often followed by a quiet dread. *What now? What could this mean?*

In Luke's Nativity story, even angelic news stirs overwhelm. The shepherds tremble. Mary ponders. As she wraps her newborn in cloth, what thoughts rise in her heart?

The word "new" is nestled in "good news"—a reminder that even the best gifts lie beyond our control. In the birth of Jesus, we witness the mystery of it all: the terrifying, the unexpected, the good, and the new that hope often brings. —**CARMELLE BEAUGELIN CALDWELL**



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### **For Your Information:**

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for any child under the age of 6. We also have a playground in the parlor – a space for parents and younger children to be close to the sanctuary during worship.
- **Worship bags** for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. *Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet.* Headsets are also available. **Please sit in center section of Sanctuary.**



### **Faith Formation Programs:**

- **FBI-In-Training** is our Faith Formation program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-5.
  - FBI & FBI-In-Training meet every Wednesday during the school year at 3:45 pm.
- **God Squad** is our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Youth Room or a restaurant.
- **HeBrews** is our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 7:00 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

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