

***We will be combining our worship services on Sunday, December 30, 2018.  
Please join us at 10 AM that Lord's Day morning for worship.***

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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2018  
10:00 PM

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" Karrin Ford

WORDS OF WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**All: He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through Him.**

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

\*HYMN No. 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
*\*please stand as you are able.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Cook/Stack Family

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:44-50

COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

**Give us, O God, such love and wonder, that with the shepherds, the wise men, and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the Holy child, the promised King and with our gifts worship Him, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38  
Ivy Wegner

HYMN No. 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN No. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14

ANTHEM "See Amid the Winter's Snow" Dan Forrest

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "A Baby Changes Everything" Faith Hill  
Carolyn & Jordan Skowron

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14  
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "A Savior Has Been Born" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN No. 40 "Joy to the World"

ANTHEM "A Christmas Communion" Heather Sorenson

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*\*please hold each element until all are served so that we may partake together*

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle, please be very careful.  
Assist children who are holding candles, and be sure to tip the unlit candle towards the lit one to avoid dripping hot wax.*

\*HYMN "Silent Night"

Verse 1

**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**

Verse 2

**Silent night holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born**

Verse 3

**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**

Verse 4

**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**

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\*BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candles before you leave your pews, and place the candles **and the plastic holders** in the boxes located at each exit door so they can be used again next Christmas. Thank you.*