

for unto us
a child is

born...
and His
name shall
be called

Wonderful!

Isaiah 9:6



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all to worship with us this Christmas Eve.

**We hope you find the Joy of our Lord here in this service
and will want to return for our weekly worship on Sundays
at 9:00am (English only) & 11:00am. (English & Korean).
Sunday, December 30th will be one English service at 10:00am and
our Korean service is at 11am.**

Welcome to all children who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem!

As storytellers lead us in a celebration of Jesus' birth, we will sing carols together and hear glad tidings of great joy.

All children are encouraged to pick out a piece of the nativity scene from the baskets in the back. During different times in the service they will be asked to come forward to place their piece in the nativity scene. Parents are welcome to come up with them.

The artwork on the front cover of the bulletin is to help tell the story. We encourage children to enjoy coloring in the cover. If you miss getting a small box of crayons, please ask the ushers for them.



First Presbyterian Church

**TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH
THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

CELEBRATION OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RE-LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

Luke 2:1-5

CAROL No.121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (*verses 1 and 2*)

ST. LOUIS

1-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.

2-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!

RE-LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE

Luke 2:6-7

CAROL No. 115 Away In a Manger (*verses 1 and 2*)

MUELLER

1-Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

2-The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down
from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

RE-LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL No. 113 Angels We have Heard on High (*verses 1 and 2*)

GLORIA

1-Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:

2-Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

RE-LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL No. 147 The First Nowell (*verses 1 and 2*)

THE FIRST NOWELL

1-The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

2-They looked up and saw a star shining in
the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night.

[Refrain]

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:5-7

†**CAROL** No. 134 Joy To The World

ANTIOCH

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

†**CAROL** No. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Soloist - Trinity Gonzalez

JESUS CHRIST, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

LESSON

John 1:1-5

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST THROUGHOUT

(As an Usher lights the first candle in each pew, please share the light with your neighbor. For the safety of all, please keep your candle in an upright position at all times.)

CAROL No. 122 Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

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.

2-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.

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.

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.

Moment of Silence

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE

†CAROL No. 136 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Joy to the World

arr. Victor Labenske

Thank you for joining us for this special worship service.



Continue to celebrate Christmas Eve with us in the Sanctuary:

9:30pm - Festival Prelude Music

10:00pm - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

LEADING WORSHIP

Rev. Bill Lane, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth & Families

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling, Pastor & Head of Staff

Dr. Chelsea Vaught, Director of Music - piano

Participants: *Satter & Gonzagowski-Satter Family, Patton Family,
Shively Family, Pastor Jisang Choi, Gianna Choi*

Ushers: Deb Ward, David Beer, Wendell Cree, Dick Florea

