



# First Presbyterian Church

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## 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,  
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.

December 24, 2023

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE TINCHER FAMILY

One: Behold, I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!

**All: *Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery, renewing faded hopes and announcing peace to a weary world.***

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!

**All: *Jesus comes among us in power and glory inspiring fresh Christmas joy and calling us to lives that are full of God's love.***

One: Jesus, the light of the world, is born.

**All: *Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us.***

(The liturgists will now light the Advent candles)

One: Let us pray:

**All: *God of grace and glory, as we celebrate this Christmas, transform our hearts and our lives so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

\*HYMN NO. 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

**\*UNISON CHRISTMAS INVOCATION:**

Holy Child of Bethlehem, we open wide the doors to our hearts. Let your love ease our fears and calm our worry. Come and fill us with joy that knows no boundaries. May your light brighten every corner of our darkness and fill us with your presence. Holy Child of Bethlehem, encounter us in a very special way. Give us a deeper appreciation and understanding of the splendor of that holy night thousands of years ago. Help us to be in awe of you and the simple wonder of your humble birth. Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us and be born in us we pray. Amen.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

<b>Lesson</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”</i>	No. 82
<b>Lesson</b>	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	No. 88
<b>Lesson</b>	Luke 1:26-35, 38	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</i>	No. 129
<b>Lesson</b>	Luke 2:1-7	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“Away in a Manger”</i>	No. 115
<b>Lesson</b>	Luke 2:8-16	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i>	No. 119
<b>Lesson</b>	Matthew 2:1-11	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“We Three Kings of Orient Are”</i>	No. 151
<b>Lesson</b>	John 1:1-14	
<b>Carol</b>	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	No. 134

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Holy God, we offer our thanksgiving and praise. For you sent your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary and your Word became flesh. His name is above every name, the Prince of Peace and Savior of all. In him, we have been brought out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

Remembering that Christ came and lived among us, we partake of these common elements of bread and wine. We give thanks that you allowed your body to be broken and your blood to be shed that we might be changed by your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you have raised Christ from the dead and call us to new life, we offer ourselves to you that we might live in joy and in grateful praise. Amen

**Partaking of the Sacrament**

**Closing Communion Prayer**

**CELEBRATION OF CHRIST AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**CAROL** *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”* See back of bulletin

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Serving Today (Dec 24)**

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Bolen, Darcy Polinsky  
Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen  
Assisting Elder: Shari Downing, Rich Tincher, Nancy Bolen, Linda Self

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