

First Presbyterian Church

Evening Worship- 5:00 PM

December 24, 2016, Christmas Eve

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

^-please stand; It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns

PRELUDE "Music from the Royal Fireworks" G. F. Handel
Brass Quartet

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

INTROIT "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Chancel Choir

LESSON Luke 2:1-8 Marissa Meadors, Liturgist

CAROL "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Chancel Choir

LESSON Luke 2:9-14

^CAROL 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LESSON Luke 2:15-20

^CAROL 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

OFFERING

Offertory "In Dulci Jubilo" J.S. Bach
Brass Quartet

^Doxology (page 591) Old Hundredth

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Birth of Christ

The Miller Family: Larry and Laurie Miller, Sue, Anderson and Alexander

On this Christmas Eve we recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love and joy.

First Candle: We speak of hope because God keeps his promises to us.

Second Candle: We work for peace because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace,' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

Third Candle: We show love because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

Fourth candle: We share joy because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence of God.

Christ Candle: Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again, and with the shepherds we are filled with wonder and amazement.

Let Us Pray: ***Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will ever walk in life. Amen.***

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ANTHEM "Thou Child Divine" Chancel Choir

LESSON Titus 2:11-14

SERMON "Get Busy Waiting" Rev. Allen Thompson

PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

^CAROL 60 "Silent Night"

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| <p>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</p> <p>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</p> | <p>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"</p> <p>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
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CHARGE AND BLESSING

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POSTLUDE "Allegro from Ceremonial Music" Jeremiah Clarke

Special thanks to Erin Parris for organizing the children's nativity, and to Charles Ellis and Matthew Purves, James Martin, and John Martin for their contributions to tonight's service.

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