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**FIRST  
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CHURCH**

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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**

*December 24, 2017*

*5 p.m. Service*

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*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.*  
*December 24, 2017 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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Brass Quartet

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Cropp Family

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

*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 share joy because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence of God.

*Fourth Candle:* We show love because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness 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 came 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.**

^CAROL 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
READING Luke 2:1-3

^CAROL 59 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
READING Luke 2:4-7

^CAROL 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

OFFERING

Offertory "Joy to the World" Brass quartet

^Doxology

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*

ANTHEM "The Angel Gabriel Came Down" Mack Williams, solo

HOMILY "In These Days"

PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

^CAROL 60 "Silent Night"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller/Jackson  
Brass quartet

*Our thanks and appreciation goes to Mack Williams, Charles Ellis, Jerry Franklin, Don Nodtvedt and Dave Webb for their contribution to this evening's service. We also thank Marie-Louise Crane, Kathy Dorianitis, and all the parents for their help with the Children's Nativity.*

*Wishing you a very*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
