

**Music Selection:** "O Holy Night"

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Please remain seated as the Light of Christ is passed through the congregation. Remember not to tip your lighted candle. The unlit candle needs to take the light that is offered. As we begin to sing Silent Night, please stand with your lighted candles. After Silent Night, please extinguish your candles and remain standing.*

**Music Selection:** "Silent 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

**Choral Benediction** "A Blessing of Light"

**Postlude** "Angels Sing" Schram

*(Please remain seated for the Postlude)*



# Sing With the Angels

... experience hope,  
peace, joy, and love  
as you welcome the  
Christ Child

Christmas Eve  
2021

First  
Presbyterian  
Church

# *First Presbyterian Church*

## *Sing With the Angels*

### Pre-Service Music

*In the Heavens Shone a Star*, Kalinga melody,  
Arr. Clark Kimberling for flute and guitar

*How Far Is It to Bethlehem?*, English melody,  
Arr. Clark Kimberling for flute and guitar

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*, Basque carol  
Mack Williams, Tenor; Ashley Stanley, Mezzo-Soprano; Patricia Howell, Piano

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *"In Dulci Jubilo"* Bach/Bish

### Threshold Moment

***There are angels among us that may not meet the eye  
There are messages of hope coming from a choir on high  
But don't just look up  
For the way God works  
Is to plant more hope right here on earth  
Just like it was with Jesus birth  
There are angels among us  
There are angels among us  
There are angels among us  
Bringing hope on earth  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid***

### Prayer

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,  
**alight within us your flame of love this day.**

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,  
creating more hope, more peace, more joy and more love,  
in the midst of fear.**

**Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid  
Do not be afraid**

### Music Selections

*"Of The Father's Love"*  
*"The Midnight Clear"*  
*"Run To Bethlehem"*

**Offering** *"Sing With the Angels"* *(Sing-Along with Choir)*  
*Tonight, as you turn toward Bethlehem, what gifts will you bring the Christ Child?*

### Reading of the Christmas Story

**Luke 2**

**Communion** **(Liturgy on Screen/Insert)**  
**Invitation**

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of silent nights be with you!

**May the God of herald angels be with you!**

Open your hearts to the One born in the little town of Bethlehem.

**May Emmanuel come to abide in our hearts.**

Join all believers in singing of our joy this night.

**May our voices blend with those of the angels and shepherds.**

### "A Christmas Remembering"

Carolyn Smith and Pastor Beth  
Ashley Stanley Robey, Flute  
Patricia Howell, Piano

## Communion Liturgy

On this night, when we sing of the baby in the manger,  
as the shadow of the cross is cast by the stars,  
we proclaim that mystery called incarnation:

**Christ is our light,  
and we will join the angels in singing the good news;  
Christ is our life,  
and we will join the disciples in telling the Story;  
Christ is our promise,  
and we wait for the joy of his return.**

Here in the silence and the singing,  
we gather around the Table of joy,  
as you pour out your Spirit upon  
the most precious gifts of bread and cup.  
And when all time and history becomes silent,  
we will be gathered with our sisters and brothers  
to join the angel choirs in forever singing your praises. Amen.

## Words of Institution

### Sending

Let us go to be the gift another needs,  
**sharing God's blessings of love and grace,  
running to tell the Story we heard from the shepherds.**  
Let us go to be the comfort which can swaddle others,  
**sharing Jesus' compassion with the poor and needy,  
welcoming the holiness offered by the most vulnerable we meet.**  
Let us go to enkindle the lives around us,  
**sharing the Spirit's peace with all the broken,  
learning the language of hope from the children in our midst.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart  
Ashley Stanley-Robey  
Patricia Howell  
Ray Beale  
Charles Ellis  
TBA  
Joyce Perez  
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Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Interim Music Director  
Interim Organist  
Sound  
Narrator  
Security, Side door & Offering  
Greeter  
Advent Candle Lighter  
Communion

## Choir Members

Jeanne Nostrandt, Carolyn Smith, Sally Clark, Pastor Beth, Dickie Green,  
Gregory Robey, Mack Williams

There are  
*Angels*  
among us

**SUNDAY:** We say goodbye to 2021 and prepare to welcome the New Year. Join us for worship at 11 a.m. as we conclude our "Angels Among Us" sermon series and discover how God is calling us to #morelife in the year ahead.