

SERVING TONIGHT

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Kathryn Santello, Tyrel Smith, Kayla Stork	Guest Musicians
Sam Meadema	Sound
David Clark	Greeter

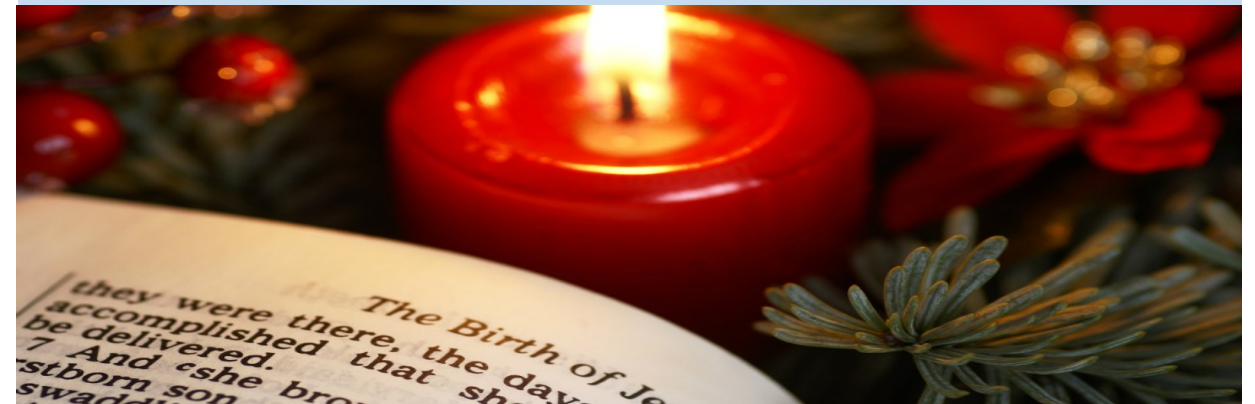
Readers

Ava Barrett
Elizabeth Broschart
Nancy Clayton
Jack Garrett
Becky Meadema
Jackson Weller
Maggie Weller

First Presbyterian Church

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5 p.m.



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A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Adeste Fideles”

arr. C. Dobrinski

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Isaiah 2:2-5)

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;**
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord

CAROL

“Come, True Light”

S. Hart, D. Liles, and S. Soper

Please join us for worship on Christmas morning at
11 a.m. as God’s glory is revealed.

The service includes Holy Communion and we will
continue our sermon series on the Gospel of John.



*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in
Loving memory of our beloved Marie Louise Crane
by her church sisters*

“Come, True Light”

by Sarah Hart & Dwight Liles | harm. S. Soper

Come, true light; come, life eternal; come, hidden mystery.

Come, nameless treasure, silent reality.

Come, person unfathomed, rejoicing without end.

Come, light that knows no evening, no death.

Come, true light! Come, true light!

Come, our rest, our consolation, our longing soul’s desire,

Our joy and our endless delight

Come, true light! Come, true light!

“Still, Still, Still”

Austrian carol, arr. by Norman Luboff | Text by Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergman

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping.

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, ‘tis the eve of our Savior’s birth.

The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, ‘tis the eve of our Savior’s birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

CAROL: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” v. 1, 2, 4

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

CAROL: “Mary Did You Know” M. Lowry and B. Greene, T. Fettke

THE THIRD LESSON: Matthew 1:1-17

CAROL: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” All Verses

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

CAROL: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” E. Pettman and J. Wickham

THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” v. 1,7

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1:39-58

CAROL: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v. 1,3

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL: “Still, Still, Still” arr. N. Luboff | M. Keith and A. Bergman

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

CAROL: “Angels We Have Heard on High” v. 1, 2

THE NINTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY “A Christmas Composition for Flute and Organ” C. Callahan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(based on John 1:1-14)*

In the beginning was the Word,
**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**He was in the world, and the world came into being through him,
yet the world did not know him.**

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

The ushers will come down the center aisle and light the first candle in each row. Please pass the light by keeping the lit candle vertical while the unlit candle tips toward the flame.

We will sing Silent Night when all the candles are lit.

Please watch the screen for brief pauses between the verses. The congregation will follow Pastor Beth in singing the verses.

SILENT NIGHT

BENEDICTION

Tonight, as we celebrate God is with us in the birth of Jesus, let us continue to live lives of hope, peace, joy, and love. Share God's love with the shepherds you meet on the hillside. Let the communion of the Holy Spirit fill your heart with glad tidings like the angels. And the Prince of Peace born again tonight, may He live in your heart to comfort and challenge you as you seek to live as one of his disciples.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Source of Our Being,
The Light in Our Darkness,
Spirit of Wisdom in Our Seeking,
rest upon you and remain within you, always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

G. Young

The text "Joy to the World" is written in a highly decorative, flowing cursive script. The word "Joy" is the largest and most prominent, with "to the" in smaller letters above "World". The "W" in "World" is particularly large and ornate, with long, sweeping flourishes that extend downwards and to the right.