

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

8:00 & 11:00 pm

PRELUDES

<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	Loret
<i>"Meditation on 'Silent Night'"</i>	R. Purvis
<i>"In Dulci Jubilo"</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>"Christmas Pastoral"</i>	de Lange
<i>"Jesu Bambino"</i>	Pietro Yon
<i>"Away In A Manger"</i>	Murray
<i>Ron McVeigh – Violin</i>	
<i>Ali Elias-Lizardo – Cello</i>	
<i>"Still, Still, Still"</i>	J. Martin
<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	A. Adam/ arr. J.C. Hess

CHORAL INTROIT

"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" JS Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born. Give him glory. Christ has come down from heaven. Receive him.
O earth, sing to the Lord. O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified.
People: Alleluia, Amen.

*HYMN

<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	No. 41
<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	No. 40

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*HYMN

<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	No. 23
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** PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM

<i>"Mid-Winter"</i>	Chilcott
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SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:8-12

VOCAL SOLO

Bethany Bronkema

SERMON

"Jesus, the Baby Given to Us By God"
Rev. Robert K. Bronkema, Preaching

*HYMN

<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	No. 44
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SENDING FORTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

No. 29

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

(The ushers will pass the flame from the aisles. As the light is passed along, please hold the unlit candle to the lighted wick.)

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother & 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 your holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Noel"

Daquin

You are invited to stand if you are able during those places
in the worship service marked with an asterisk *.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TONIGHT to celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In that momentous event, God gave to us the gift of Himself, that in receiving that gift we might know what it means to be truly alive as we are meant to be. We pray you will welcome Christ into your heart and your home this season, and walk with Him throughout your life.

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S OFFERING: As in past years, all gifts received, unless in church members' regular offering envelopes, will go to the **Christmas Joy Offering** of our Presbyterian Church (USA). This mission opportunity dates back to the 1930's when the early Presbyterian Church created this giving opportunity to supplement inadequate retirement incomes for former ministers and missionaries. Today, these special gifts are equally split between those retirees needing assistance and racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please mail your Christmas Joy Offering to the Church or drop off in Angie McVey's mailbox at the Church.

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