

Order of Worship
December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve

Prelude *Fantasia on "The First Nowell,"* Hughes

Lighting of the Christ Candle (responsive) Carter & Johnson Family

Call to Worship (responsive)
One: As we light the Christ candle, (light candle)
All: We watch for the Christmas story around us.
One: Emmanuel has come and is coming.
All: Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

Hymn No. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Welcome

Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord..

Kyrie No. 121 (verse 4)
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Hymn No. 113 (verse 3)
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Special Music *O Holy Night*, Dr. Damion Womack, soloist

Word to Grow By

Second Reading *Luke 1:1-20*

Meditation Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Affirmation of Faith (unison) *The Nicene Creed*, Hymnal p. 34

Offertory

Doxology No. 150 (verse 3)
As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Communion
Hymn No. 145 *What Child Is This?*
Hymn No. 115 *Away in a Manger*

Prayer after Communion

Illumination

Hymn No. 122 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Benediction

Congregational Response No. 134 (v.1) *Joy to the World*

Postlude *Postlude on "Antioch,"* Peterson

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Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors