

**Order of Worship**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**



**Prelude**

*Tell the Good News, Smith*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Christ is born!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Jesus is among us!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

**All: Christ is born!**

**Opening Hymn No. 134**

*Joy to the World*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Holy Incarnate God, by the light of your goodness and mercy, our failing to see your true light is clear: we have not loved you, we have not loved our neighbors, we have not loved ourselves. Our feet have not brought good news to the poor nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants. Forgive us, blind us with your holy honesty, so that we may more clearly see your will, and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace. Amen.

**Moment for Silent Confession**

**Kyrie** No. 121, v. 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** No. 113, v. 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 of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

*Psalm 98*

**Hymn No. 110**

*Love Has Come*

**Second Reading**

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

**Hymn No. 119**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Third Reading**

*Hebrews 1:1-12*

**Hymn No. 132**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**Fourth Reading**

*Colossians 2:6, 4:12-15*

**Hymn No. 137**

*He Came Down*

**Fifth Reading**

*John 1:1-14*

**Hymn No. 147 (vv. 1,2,4,6)**

*The First Nowell*

**Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

*The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal, p. 35*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*Hymnal p. 35*

**Offertory**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Bliss*

**Doxology No. 150 (verse 3)**

*As they offered gifts most rare, at the 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.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn No. 136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*On a Festival Day, Troutman*

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Liturgist: Julie Price

**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