

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Christmas Eve

Intergenerational Service - 4 p.m.

December 24, 2022

PRELUDE Fantasia on "Greensleeves" Richard Purvis

Good King Wenceslas arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Ringers

Away in a Manger arr. Hart Morris

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WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Leader: In God's house, there is hope—
For God loves us too much to leave us just as we are.
People: Light the candle of hope.
Leader: In God's house, there is peace—
For all that separates us from God falls away.
People: Light the candle of peace.
Leader: In God's house, there is joy—
Because God created music, and hot chocolate, and flowers, and laughter that is contagious, and endless rounds of peek-a-boos with babies; and if those things have God's fingerprints, then God's house surely exudes joy.
People: Light the candle of joy.
Leader: In God's house, there is love—
Because God is love, from start to finish, and that love is for us all.
People: Light the candle of love.
Leader: And in the center of our hope,
People: In the center of our peace,
Leader: In the center of our joy,
People: In the center of our love, is God—
Leader: who came to this earth to live among us. So tonight we light the Christ candle, for God's love is born to us in a baby in a manger.
People: Welcome home. Amen.

*Please stand if you are able

CAROL #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! **(Refrain)**

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! **(Refrain)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SACRED STORY Interactive Nativity

SACRED SONG #23

Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

1 Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

Refrain:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

SACRED STORY: *The Animals Speak*

SACRED IMAGINATION

EMBODIED PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Hallowed Manger Ground Chris Tomlin

Contemporary Ensemble

*Offering Response #36

In the Bleak Midwinter (Verse 4) CRANHAM

4 What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

CANDLE LIGHTING #60

Silent Night (Verses 1, 3 & 4) STILLE NACHT

1 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.

3 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.

4 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

CAROL #29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
(Refrain)

POSTLUDE Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven arr. Paul Baloche

Contemporary Ensemble