

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service



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Welcome

Rev. Craig Foster

Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

† Call to Worship

Iona Community, *Cloth for the Cradle*

Foster Neely

One: Light looked down and saw darkness.

All: "I will go there," said Light.

One: Peace looked down and saw war.

All: "I will go there," said Peace.

One: Love looked down and saw hatred.

All: "I will go there," said Love.

One: So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love,
came down and crept in beside us.

Introit

I Saw Three Ships

Traditional English

Children's Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Mayfield Family

Unison Prayer

Lord, we rejoice that you have come among us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the Light of the World. Help us to remember that, if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

† Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

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!

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

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God,
glory in the highest!

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

† Congregation will stand

The Journey to Bethlehem

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

Brady Johnson

Carol

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care.
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Angels Tell of Jesus' Birth: Luke 2:8-14

Grayson Bryant

One: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

All: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

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

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!
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Shepherds Go to See Baby Jesus: Luke 2:15-19

Molly Yarborough

Carol

Silent Night

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.

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!"

Magi Bring Gifts: Matthew 2:1-11

Katelyn Anderson, Claire Hammond, Ann Chambers Harrill

Offering

Annie Colbath

For our Christmas Eve offering, all non-designated gifts will be used to support the Winter Warmth Project. For over 20 years, First Presbyterian's Winter Warmth Project has put new coats on the backs of needy school children throughout Spartanburg County. Last month, we served more than 1,200 children who otherwise would not have had a warm coat this year. Through a long-standing partnership with Belk at WestGate Mall, we are able to purchase coats at a cost of \$35 each. Please help support our largest mission project in any amount you are able.

Offertory Carol

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart
Prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love;
And wonders of His love;
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Prayer

Annie Colbath

Carol

Go Tell It On the Mountain

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

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

Benediction

Rev. Craig Foster

Postlude

Holy Family Tim, Hillary and Cooper Brock
Angel Caroline Colbath
Shepherd Noah Yarborough
Magi Logan Donovan
Bulletin Cover Art Sara Catherine, Anna and David Evans

*Infant nursery available in the Clark Building room 108.