

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, South Carolina

December 24, 2016

7:30 and 11:00pm



PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Neil Harmon

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Christ Candle

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*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; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all 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!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

† Please rise in
body or spirit.

GREETING

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

ANTHEM

Noe! Noe!

Mack Wilberg

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM

All Is Well

Michael W. Smith

Solo: (7:30) Will Manello; (11:00) Alexandra Poliakoff

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND WINTER WARMTH OFFERING

(7:30) Debbie Kocisko

(11:00) Allie McCown

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

See Amid the Winter Snow

arr. Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*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!*

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.

MEDITATION

*A Season of Miracles:
Power, Signs, and Wonder*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

*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."*

*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.*

*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.*

RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS

† HYMN

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*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 earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

David M. Cherwien

Each person will offer light from his candle to his neighbor. As you take the light, please tilt your un-lit candle toward the flame to avoid spilling wax. To symbolize our sharing of the light with the world, raise your candles high for the singing of the final verse of "Silent Night." Please remain seated.

Please extinguish your candle and leave it at the door.

PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENING'S WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30pm

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Rev. Christi O. Brown, Rev. L. Craig Foster, Rev. Joanne R. Hull

11:00pm

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Holt Andrews, Marcia Andrews, Jason Moore

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! Please sign the Fellowship Pad, so that we may contact you. For more information about First Presbyterian, check out the church website (www.fpcspartanburg.org).

Childcare is available for the 7:30pm Candlelight Service in Room 106 in the Clark Building.

Many thanks to the First Presbyterian String Quartet (Allison Key, Peter Moore, Mary Ada Poole, Kathy Foster) for providing today's Pre-Service Music.

A hearing loop has been installed in the Sanctuary. If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service.

Hearing impaired devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

On Sunday, December 25 AND Sunday, January 1, we will have ONE Worship Service:

11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

Join us as we worship together!

(No Sunday School nor Children's Worship. Nursery not provided.)

Children are welcome to worship with their families in the Sanctuary!

Sunday, January 8, we will resume our regular schedule and observe Communion:

8:45am MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

The atmosphere for MorningSong is a little more casual and the music instrumentation is a little different from our sanctuary service. Worship order is in keeping with the Presbyterian tradition.

8:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45am Sunday School for All Ages

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. Evans, Senior Pastor; **Rev. L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship;
Rev. Joanne R. Hull, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care; **Rev. Christi O. Brown**, Pastoral Associate for Missions;
Holt Andrews, Director of Music; **Marcia Andrews**, Asst Dir of Music/Organist;
Jason Moore, Director of Youth Ministry; **Penny Wright**, Assistant Director of Youth
Beth Burris, Director of Children's Ministries; **Beth Cecil**, Parish Nurse;
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