

2025 Christmas Eve Family Worship Service



First Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2025
4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

Welcome

Rev. Alan Dyer

Introit

Sing We Now of Christmas arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Iona Community, *Cloth for the Cradle*

Susannah Cole

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.

All: Let us worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Owen Family

Jeff, Ashley, Liam, and Eliza

One: Alleluia! Christ has come, and Christ will come again!

All: Alleluia and Amen!

† Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful - #133

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!

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
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!

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Christ the Lord!

† Congregation will stand

The Journey to Bethlehem

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

Ellis Brierton

Carol

Away in a Manger - #114

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

Mattison Mayfield

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 - #113

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

Hudson Huang

Carol

Silent Night - #122

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

Josephine and Sophia Estes

Presentation of Offering

Joy to the World - #134

Audrey Moore

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

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

Derham Cole and Sam Dyer

Carol

Go Tell It on the Mountain - #136

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

Benediction

Rev. Craig Foster

For our Christmas Eve offering, all non-designated gifts will be used to support the Neighborhood Meal Ministry. This important ministry provides hospitality and a weekly hot meal for community members in need.

- Holy Family Randal, Nancy, Annie, Jack, and baby Mae Ellison
- Angels..... Juliet Berry, Chapman Bailey, Mary Close
- Shepherds Moshe Darrall, Callie Shirley, William Shirley
- Magi Jay Kennedy, Molly Halligan, Grady Kennedy
- Star Carrier..... Logan Harvey

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