

**WORSHIP OF CHRIST THE LORD**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2019      11:00 P.M.**

**WELCOME (10:40 PM)** Kelly LePenske

**CAROL CONCERT** *(During our worship, please refrain from applause. Receive the gift!)*

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| <i>Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You?</i> | Mengel                   |
| <i>Do You See a Star?</i>             | Shackley                 |
| <i>Born 'neath a Star</i>             | Gray                     |
| <i>Guiding Star Carol</i>             | Danish, arr. Christensen |
| <i>I Saw Three Ships</i>              | arr. Nygard              |
| <i>Christmas Lullaby</i>              | Stone                    |
| Lauren Clark, Alto                    |                          |
| <i>Andalusian Carol</i>               | arr. Nienow              |
| Chapel Choir                          | Kathy Gunsallus, Piano   |

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Doug and Martha Derry

**INTROIT** *We Have Seen His Star* Titcomb  
Adult Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP\***

All God's people—girls and boys, women and men—come and worship.

**Let us go and worship the Savior!**

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels: Come and worship.

**Let us go and worship God's promise, born for us!**

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort: Worship the newborn King!

**Let us go to our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Let us worship God.

**HYMN NO. 146\*** *Joy to the World*

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**PRAYER OF ADORATION** Kelly LePenske

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Kelly LePenske

**HYMN (Seated)** *Lift Up Your Heads*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold the King of glory waits.  
The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!  
Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

**SECOND LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-10 Bruce Melson

**HYMN (Seated)** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.  
From depths of Hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**THIRD LESSON** Luke 1:26-38 Gwen Wilkie  
**Anthem** *To a Virgin Meek & Mild* Spanish arr. Johnson  
Adult Choir Kathy Gunsallus, Organ  
Grace Rykaczewski-Soprano, Gwen Wilkie-Alto, Sam Scheibe-Baritone

**FOURTH LESSON (Seated)** Matthew 1:18-25 Bryan Gaskill  
**Hymn No. 167, vs. 1-2** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-7 Ruth Stotsenburg  
**Anthem** *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* French arr. Rutter  
Adult Choir Kathy Gunsallus, Organ  
Janet Wilkie, Soprano/Sam Scheibe, Director

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-20 Liz Greene  
**Hymn No. 152\*** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**SEVENTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12, 16 Harris Ransom  
**Anthem** *The Coventry Carol* arr. Andrews  
Adult Choir

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Ballet's Lute Book  
**Offertory** *Blessed Be That Maid, Marie*  
Adult Choir

**EIGHTH LESSON** John 1:1-14 Rev. Spencer  
**Anthem** *There is a New Creation* White  
Adult Choir

**MEDITATION**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one. As we light our candles remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing.*

**HYMN** (*Seated*)

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men from heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing;  
and ever o’er its babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.  
For lo, the days are hastening on. The prophets seen of old,  
when, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling;  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

*Silent Night! Holy 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.

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\*** (*Carefully extinguish candles.*)

Rev. Spencer

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

\*\*\*Seating interval



Following worship, candles may be deposited in the boxes at the exit doors.

**Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Brian Deam, Mike Hock, Kevin Harris, George Faulkner

**Sound Technician:** Harris Ransom

**Property Staff:** Steve Margerum

**Church office** will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the First Presbyterian Church staff!*



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

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**11:00 pm**

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