

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP		
DECEMBER 24, 2019		6:00 P.M.
WELCOME		Kelly LePenske
MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP		
	Prepare Ye the Way	Burrows
	Choristers/Taylor Krott & Bethany Trzeciak-Soloists	
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		The Rotter & Miller Families
CALL TO WORSHIP*		Kelly LePenske
HYMN No. 146*	Joy to the World! The Lord is Come	

PRAYER OF ADORATION		
I. God’s Dream for Mary	Luke 1:26-38	Jennifer Ehala
Response	To a Virgin, Meek and Mild Gwen Wilkie, Soloist	Spanish Carol
II. God’s Dream for Joseph	Matthew 1:18-24	Colin La Grou
Response of the Congregation (Seated)		
Hymn No. 144 (Tune 170)	The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child	
III. God’s Dream for the Magi	Matthew 2:1-12	Merritt Wikle
Response of the Congregation		
Hymn No. 162	The First Noël	
IV. The Magnificat: Mary Celebrates God’s Dream for Humanity	Luke 1:46-55	Eliana Delgado
Response of the Congregation		
Hymn No. 143, v. 2 (Tune 170)	For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed	Schram
Young Mary did not think to hope for miracles of birth, and God chose her to be the one to make Christ’s home on earth. So Mary sang her heartfelt praise of God Who sets things straight; the mighty fall, the weak are raised, the hungry fill their plate.		
V. God’s Dream is Born!	Luke 2:1-7	Andrew Ehala
Response	Christmas Child Choristers	McGlohon

VI. God’s Dream for the Shepherds	Luke 2:8-18	Karli Omlor
Response	Winter Heavens Opened	Hurby
	Choristers	
CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND OFFERING	Rev. Stuart Spencer	
OFFERTORY	Come, Little Children	arr. Berg
	Choristers	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
VII. God’s Saving Love Reigns	John 3:16-17	Vikram Joshi
Response of the Congregation		
Hymn No. 145*	Of the Father’s Love Begotten	
MESSAGE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
	When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your <u>unlit</u> candle, not the lit one. As we light our candles, remembering Jesus is the light of the world, let us stand and sing.	
	Angels We Have Heard on High	
	Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
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	Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)	
	Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing. Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)	
	See within a manger laid Jesus Lord of heaven and earth! Mary, Joseph, lend your aid; sing with us our Savior’s birth. (Refrain)	
	Silent Night! Holy Night!	
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	All is calm; all is bright.	
	‘Round yon virgin, mother and Child,	
	Holy infant, so tender and mild,	
	Sleep in heavenly peace. (Repeat)	
	Silent night! Holy night!	
	Shepherds quake at the sight.	
	Glories stream from heaven afar.	
	Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.	
	Christ the Savior is born. (Repeat)	
	Silent night! Holy night!	
	Wondrous star, lend thy light.	
	With the angels, let us sing	
	Alleluia to our King.	
	Christ the Savior is born. (Repeat)	
BENEDICTION* (Congregation carefully extinguishes candles.)	Kelly LePenske	

Musicians: Karen Hallowell, Flute and Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Ushers: Donald Patrick, Pete Honeyford, Bill Conner, Rick Dougherty, Jim Wiggans, Mike Welch

Sound Technician: George Faulkner

Property Staff: Fausto de la Cruz

Church Office will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the First Presbyterian Church staff!

Sunday, December 29: Combined worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School nor nursery care.

Epiphany Concert: Please join us for a *Moravian Lovefeast*, which will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a musical conclusion to the Christmas season as our Choirs join forces in this highly historical worship form which involves choral and congregational singing and the serving of a simple, symbolic meal in the Sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received, and childcare is provided.

Come enjoy the sounds of the Choirs and end the season with inspiration and triumph!



Nativity by Stanley Cooke (1913-96) Oil on canvas

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