



Saturday, December 24, 2022 ~ Christmas Eve Service
6:00 pm Candlelight Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Welcome

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Noel: To a Virgin Meek and Mild

Dandrieu

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Brian, Kristen, Alex & Kyle Perkowski

Call to Worship

Rev. Spencer

"The people who once lived in darkness have seen a great light!"

Praise be to God Who has heard our cries.

Our souls sing out God's praise!

God has brought us a Light of hope and peace.

Tonight in this place, the Light of God's love is given to us!

We shall see that Light, and let it shine through our lives. Amen.

Hymn No. 146

Joel Krott, Organ

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

I. In the Garden

Genesis 3:8-15

Sofia Rucich

Hymn No. 133 (v. 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin Hymn
Joel Krott, Organ

- II. The Promise to Abraham *Genesis 22:15-18* Nadia Khalifa
- Hymn No. 66** (v. 1) ***The God of Abraham Praise*** Jewish Melody
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ
- III. The Christ Foretold *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* Sander Reid
- Come, Come, Emmanuel*** Beck/Mayo
Choristers Kathy Gunsallus, Piano
- Refrain: Come, come Messiah, come. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come, O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel.*
- Prophets of old have told of Your coming; long we have waited, long we have prayed.
Kingdoms and Kings will bow down before You. Come, Emmanuel, today.*
- We are Your children; You are our Savior. Lovingly guide us; guide us, we pray.
Help us to follow; help us to listen. Come, Emmanuel, today.*
- IV. The Glory of Bethlehem *Micah 5:2-4* Mannis Chen
- Hymn No. 155** (v. 4) ***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** Redner
Kathy Gunsullas, Organ
- V. The Angel Visits Mary *Luke 1:26-38* Rev. Wes Allen
- To a Virgin, Meek and Mild*** Spanish
Alivia Nawrocki, Soloist Joel Krott, Organ
- VI. The Birth of the Christ *Matthew 1:18-23* Vivian Allen
- Holy Manger*** John Horman
Choristers Kathy Gunsallus, Piano
- Under the feeble stable light, come and behold the wondrous sight.
Lies here a Babe so heavenly sweet, mother and angels the Infant keep.
Angels on wing, what do they sing? "Glory to God, the Savior King!"
Brighter the radiant heavens shine; shepherds afield hear voices divine.
For unto us a Child is born! Go and behold Him this blessed morn.
Angels on wing, what do they sing? "Glory to God, the Savior King!"*
- VII. The Glory of God Revealed *Luke 2:8-16* Rev. Allen
- Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*** Trevor Manor
Choristers Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Give heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow; and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy, joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door; and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace, peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!*

Christmas Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Allen

Christmas Offering

Please remember the church in your year-end giving, and consider how God may be calling you to bring hope and love to others through prayer, service and financial gifts. [Give easily online](#) or directly from your phone by [using the Church Center App](#). Thank you to all who are generously giving by mail or electronically. For questions or help, contact the church office at 856-235-1688.

Offertory

Joseph's Lullaby

Choristers

Kevin Keil

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

*Mary sleeping, Babe at her side; Who can know my wonder, my pride?
Friend and companion, beautiful wife, you heard God's Word spoken and brought it to life.
Little dreamer, open Your eyes. Let me look deeply inside to gaze on Your wonder undimmed by despair,
to watch You discover God's work everywhere.
Dream Your dreams of angels and light. I'll be there throughout the long night.
A man needs deep silence to feel such deep joy. You're God's promised coming but my little boy.*

Message

Rev. Allen

Good News & Great Joy

Sermon Text: [Luke 2:8-16](#)

Lighting of the 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.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

(over)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the 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!

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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! 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.

Christmas Benediction

Rev. Allen

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Musicians:	Joel Krott, Kathy Gunsallus, Jessica Migrala-Flute
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Mike Welch, Jeff Legath, James Clinton
Property Staff:	Steve Cashmer, Sam Caraballo
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath

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

Church Office will be closed December 26, 27, & 30.

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



Sunday, December 25: Combined worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., Dr. Jonathan Miller preaching. There will be no Sunday School nor nursery care. Plan to join us for Brunch after the Service.

Epiphany Service: Please join us on Sunday, **January 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** The Adult, Chapel & Junior Choirs as well Choristers will sing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.