



Sofia de la Cruz, age 9



Hayden Friel, age 5



Winnie Hancox, age 6



Esme Hancox, age 8

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.
- Luke 2:4-5

December 24, 2024 ~ Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 pm Candlelight Worship (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (4:00 p.m.)

Welcome

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Introit

Christmas Is Such a Happy Time

Scoggins

Thank You, God, for Jesus

Baker

Hear the Bells

Pooler

Primary Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greg and Erica Harr; Stella and Scarlett Harr

Call to Worship

Rev. Spencer

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

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

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!

Hymn No. 146

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Little Jesus

Law

Junior Choir

Lesson One: In the Garden

Reader: Rev. Allen

Genesis 3: 8-15

Hymn No. 133 (verse 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lesson Two: The Promise to Abraham

Reader: Cynthia Saint Cyr

Genesis 22: 15-18

Hymn (Tune 136)

Begotten of No Human Will

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit Thou art still

The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

Lesson Three: The Christ Foretold

Reader: Jason Rose

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Hymn (Tune 17)

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the One, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, His throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.

Lesson Four: The Glory of Bethlehem

Reader: Justin Greenhow

Micah 5: 2-4

Humble Savior

Choristers; Nadia Khalifa, Solo

Beckstead

Lesson Five: The Angel Visits Mary

Reader: Beth Walker

Luke 1: 26-38

Hymn No. 143 (verse 2, Tune 170)

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

Lesson Six: The Birth of the Christ

Reader: Paul Gordon

Matthew 1: 18-22

Lullaby

Junior Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Lesson Seven: The Glory of God Revealed

Reader: Rev. Spencer

Luke 2: 8-16

Hydom, Hydom

Choristers

Mitchell

Message

The Christmas PAT

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Christmas Offering



Merry Christmas, we're glad you're here. Please 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](#). **Christmas Green envelopes are in the pews for your holiday offering to First Presbyterian Church.**

Offertory

Noble Magi

Choristers

Gilford

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

Rev. Spencer

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 ...*

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!

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. Spencer

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Live Stream:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Musicians:	Sawyer McNab, Flute and Piano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ and Piano; Melissa McNab, Finger Cymbals
Ushers:	Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin and Bill Pettit
Property Staff:	Sam Caraballo and Steve Margerum
Trustee Greeter:	Bill Mueller