



by Stella Harr

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, 2025 ~ Christmas Eve Worship
3:00 PM Family Worship (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (3:00 p.m.)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Introit

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Emmanuel

McGee

Shepherds Leave the Hillside

arr. Kemp

Primary Choir – Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Evan, Cara, Josephine & James Dempster

Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

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. 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Allen

Message

Stars, Wonder, and Welcome

Rev. Allen

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

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Hallelu!

Stephen Paulus

Junior Choir – Nicole Snodgrass, Director

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 ...*

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

The First Noël, the Angel Did Say

The first Noël, the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth, it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem, it took its rest.
And it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, born is the King of Israel.

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.

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Joshua Leonard
Live stream Tech: Dalton Ryan
Musicians: Sawyer McNab, Piano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ and Piano
Ushers: Dave Barr, Greg Connlain, Steve Connlain and JoAnn Reynik
Property Staff: Sam Caraballo and Joe Feliciano
Trustee Greeter: Bill Mueller
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