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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
5:00 pm Candlelight Worship (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (5:00 p.m.)

Welcome

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prelude

Wes Allen, Rebecca Neindorff

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Spiritual

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Wes and Jen Allen; Vivian and Jacob

*Carol No. 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

Lord Jesus, you came to us as a baby in a manger.

Oh come, let us adore Him.

You were born and placed in a feeding trough for animals.

Oh come, let us love Him.

Shepherds brought their worship to you.

Oh come, let us worship Him.

Angels sang your praises, Jesus.

Oh come, let us glorify Him.

The wise men brought their gifts to you.

Oh come, let us give our hearts to Him.

Jesus, what shall we do tonight?

Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Amen.

Solo

Away in a Manger

Arr. Wilcox

Sophia Gandy, soloist

Lesson One

Rev. Allen

Luke 2: 1-5

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head

arr. Gallina

Choristers; Linda Lockart, Director

Lesson Two

Rebecca Neindorff

Luke 2: 8-20

Wow Moments

Rev. Allen

*Carol No. 171

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Lesson Three

Rev. Spencer

Titus 2: 11-14

Solo

Be Near Me, Lord Jesus

Stella Harr, soloist

Arr. Wilcox

Message

The Face of Grace

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Choral Response

Gloria In Excelsis

Choristers; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Chappell

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 offering envelopes are in the pews for your holiday offering to First Presbyterian Church.**

Offertory

What Child is This?

Wes Allen and Rebecca Neindorff

Will Dix; folk tune Greensleeves

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 ...*

*Carol No. 162 (verses 1, 2, 4)

The First Noel

The first Noel, 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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

***Carol No. 164 (verses 1, 2, 3)**

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.

***Carol No. 146 (verses 1, 2, 4)**

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

***Christmas Benediction**

Rev. Spencer

Please carefully extinguish your candles following the Benediction.

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream:	Dalton Ryan
Musicians:	Kathy Gunsallus, Linda Lockart, Rebecca Neindorff, Wes Allen
Ushers:	John Miller, Patrick McIlroy and Steve Emerson
Property Staff:	Sam Caraballo and Steve Margerum
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller