



*First Presbyterian Church*  
**Christmas Candlelight Service**  
**Of Lessons and Carols**

December 10, 2023 ♦ 4:00 p.m.

*Please refrain from applause during this worship service.*

**Prelude** Noël languedocien “Laisse-moi dormir!” – Jean Bouvard  
Lucas Brown, organ

**Welcome** Marvin Lindsay

\* **Hymn #41** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**The Bells of Christmas**

*O Come, Little Children* – arr. Peter Leibensperger  
Alleluia Bells with Barry Wilhelm, clarinet

*An English Christmas* – arr. Michael Helman  
Whitechapel Bells

*Go, Tell it On the Mountain* – arr. Susan E. Geschke  
Kirk Ringers

*Masters In This Hall* – arr. Kevin McChesney  
Moore Bells

**Offering** *Gesù Bambino* – Pietro A. Yon  
Tina Edmonston, cello

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Hymn #9** (Stanzas 1 and 3) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah Foretells Messiah’s Birth Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

\* **Hymn #25** “Away in a Manger”

**Scripture Reading** The Manger Scene Luke 2:1-7

**Anthem** *Come with Us to Bethlehem* – Anne McNair, arr. William McNair  
Carol and Cherub Choirs

\* **Hymn #56** (Stanzas 1 and 2) “The First Nowell”

**Scripture Reading** The Shepherds Come Luke 2:8-16

**Anthem** *Carols Sing, Praises Bring* – Terry D. Taylor  
Chapel Choir

\* **Hymn #66** (Stanzas 1 and 5) “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**Scripture Reading** The Visit of the Magi Matthew 2:1-11

**Anthem** *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* – arr. Peter Leibensperger  
Thomas Sherrerd Memorial Choir

\* **Hymn #44** (Stanzas 1 and 4) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Anthem** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* – arr. Mack Wilberg  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** Christ Dwells with Us John 1:1-14

**Hymn (Insert)** “Silent Night, Holy Night” – arr. Paul S. Jones  
*Please remain seated during the entire carol.*

Verse 1: Congregation sings

Verse 2: Chancel Choir only sings

Verse 3: Congregation sings

Verse 4: Congregation sings melody only

**Benediction** Nikki Perrine Passante

**Postlude** Fantasy on HELMSLEY – Kenneth Leighton  
Lucas Brown, organ

\* *All who are able please stand.*

## TABLEAU PARTICIPANTS

MARY: Delaney McGlade

JOSEPH: Topper Cheatham

SHEPHERDS: Keith Kirsch, Glenn Manochi

MAGI: Bryan Dunn, Brian McGlade, David Stedman

READERS: Nikki Perrine Passante, Rebeca Silva De Foote, Margaret Sell, Kristin Carberry, Betsy Westermaier

COSTUMES: Lesley Kirsch

LIGHTING: Barry Brill, Al Wainwright

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST: Lucas Brown

PIANISTS: Rebecca Lentine, Liz Olson

CONDUCTORS: Peter Leibensperger, Nancy Ruth Wainwright

PASTORS: Marvin Lindsay, Nikki Perrine Passante

*Manger animals painted by Pat Saltman*

Special offerings received in December go to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Christmas Joy offering. God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities. This offering addresses that need by supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

## SILENT NIGHT

*Please remain seated for the entire carol.*

Verse One: *Congregation Sings*

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.

Verse Two: *Chancel Choir only sings*

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;

Christ, the Savior, is born!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse Three: *Congregation Sings*

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.

Verse Four: *Congregation Sings Melody Only*

Silent night! Holy night!

Wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing

Alleluia to our King;

Christ, the Savior is born!

Christ, the Savior is born!