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It is Good
to be children
sometimes
and never better than
at Christmas
when ITS MIGHTY
FOUNDER was a
child himself.

CHARLES
DICKENS

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Christmas Eve for All Ages

December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Trumpet Tune On Joy to the World" arr. Michael Helman

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

***Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.***

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

In his name and in his power, let us worship God.

* Hymn 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Prayer of Adoration

He came as a baby in a manger.

O come, let us adore him.

He came in a lowly stable.

O come, let us adore him.

Shepherds brought their worship.

O come, let us adore him.

Angels sang his praise.

O come, let us adore him.

Magi brought their gifts.

O come, let us adore him.

What shall we do?

***O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord. Amen.***

* Passing the Peace

Lighting the Christ Candle

Advent Response

O come, let us adore him! O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Introduction

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Joseph Has a Dream (Matthew 1:18-23)

Hymn 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7)

Hymn 115 “Away in a Manger”

The Angels Sing to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Wise Men See a Star (Matthew 2:1-12)
Hymn 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Verses 1 and 5)

Christmas Message

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134 “Joy to the World!”

* Affirmation of Faith

Good Christian friends, rejoice!
Today our Lord comes in love and power,
in grace and truth,
offering hope and peace.

Christ is born today! Alleluia!

This promised one, mighty, though small,
is our hope, our strength, and our life.

Christ is born to save! Alleluia!

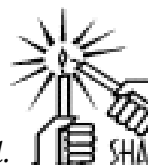
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering “What Child is This?” arr. Dorothy Wells
Offertory

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Candle lighting Hymn 122 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

*Please be careful in lighting candles, assisting children as needed.
For safety, hold lit candles upright. Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.*



* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Toccata in 5/4 on Angels from the Realms of Glory (Gloria)
Arr. David Ibinaieye

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.
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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. William G. Carter |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Advent Candlelighters | |

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This Week at a Glance

Wednesday, December 24

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 4 p.m., Christmas Eve for All Ages
- 8 p.m., Lessons and Carols with the Adult Choir
- 11 p.m., Jazz Christmas Service with the Lord's Supper and the Presbybop Quartet, celebrating the 60th anniversary of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Thursday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

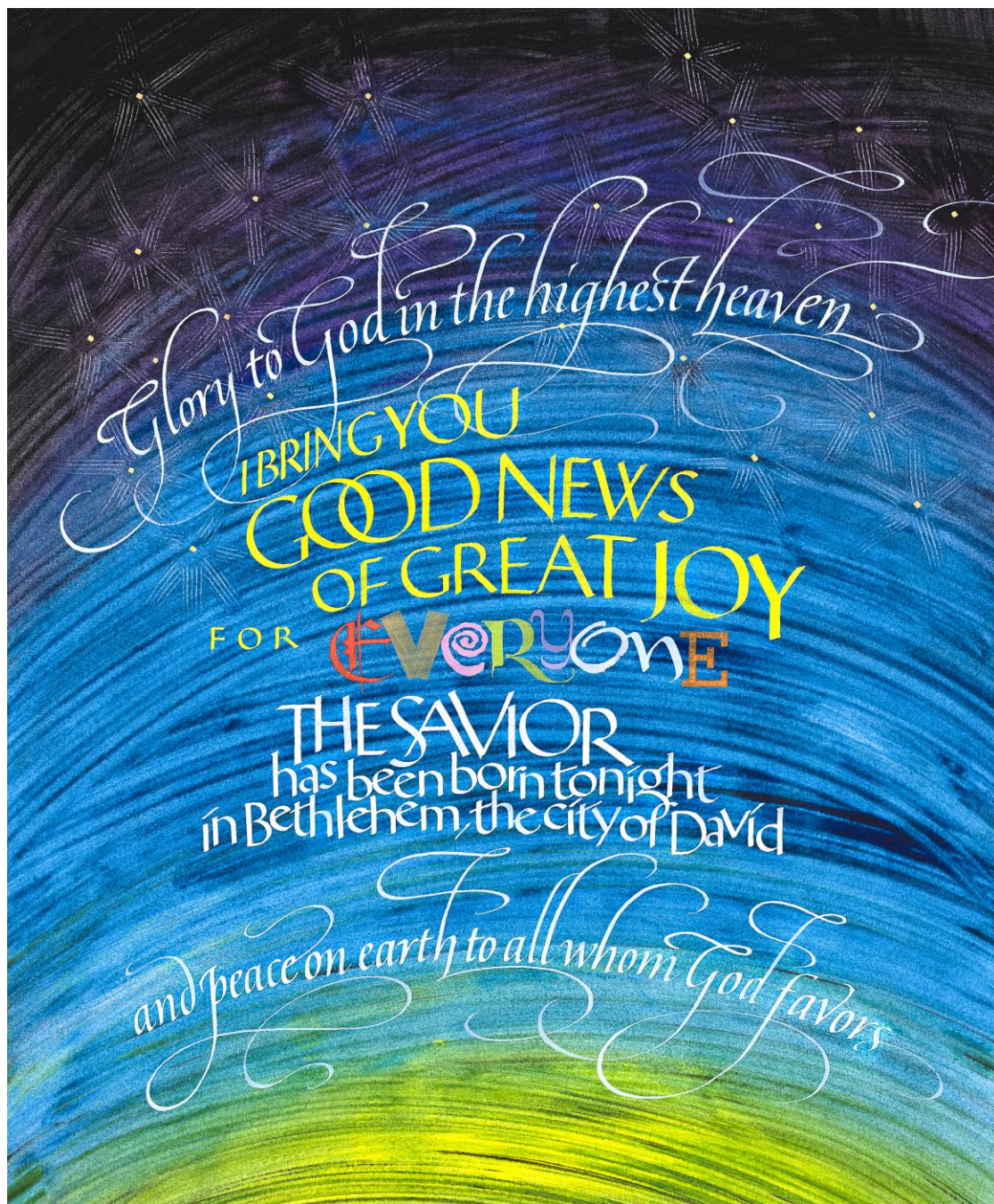
Saturday, December 27

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, December 28

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

First Presbyterian Church
300 School Street



Glory to God in the highest heaven

I BRING YOU
GOOD NEWS
OF GREAT JOY
FOR EVERYONE

THE SAVIOR
has been born tonight
in Bethlehem, the city of David

and peace on earth to all whom God favors

First Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

8:00 p.m.

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music (7:40 p.m.)

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

***those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.***

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

***and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

* Processional Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

***All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son,
whom you sent to save us.***

***With singing angels, let us praise your name and tell his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and acknowledge your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,***

***who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Response (Refrain, Hymn 133)

O come, let us adore him! O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Words of Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

OT, p. 3

Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Pink Zebra

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

OT, p. 640

Carol 373 "O Day of Peace"

Lesson Luke 1:26-38

NT, p. 56

Carol 119 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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| Lesson | Matthew 1:18-25 | NT, p. 1 |
| Carol | "O Little Town of Bethlehem" | arr. Vaughn Williams |
| Lesson | Luke 2:1-7 | NT, p. 58 |
| Carol 114 | "Away in a Manger" | arr. Willcocks |
| Lesson | Luke 2:8-14 | NT, p. 58 |
| Carol 113 | "Angels We Have Heard on High" | |
| Sermon: "How Do You Follow a Song Like That?" | | Rev. Carter |

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith 1 John 1:1-3

***We declare to you what was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have looked at and touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life:
This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it
and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father
and was revealed to us —
what we have seen and heard we also declare to you
so that you also may have fellowship with us
and our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.***

Offering "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Michael Burkhardt
Offertory

Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

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Luke 2:10-14 © 2025 Timothy R. Botts | Eyekons

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Pastor
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist
Christ Candle
Readers

Rev. William Carter
Frank Jones
Kay Ten Eyck
The Naeher Family
Cameron Taylor, Meg Carter
Karis Naeher, Jana Schillinger, Robert Taylor

Prelude Music for the 8:00 p.m. service

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| "Praeludium" | Charpentier |
| "Babe of Bethlehem" | The Southern Harmony |
| "Beside Thy Cradle" | arr. Powell |
| "Song of the Wise Man" | Puerto Rican traditional carol |
| "When Christ Was Born on Earth" | Baird |
| "Sing Lullaby" | arr. Powell |
| "In the Bleak Midwinter" | Holst; arr. Dempsey |
| "In Dulci Jubilo" | J.S Bach |
| "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" | arr. Powell |
| "Gesu Bambino" | Yon |

Musicians

Catherine Huhn, flute
John Weiss, cello

Connie Weiss, oboe
Kay Ten Eyck, piano

Ice Festival Art Show

First Presbyterian is happy to host a juried photographic exhibit, as well as the fine artwork of its talented parishioners at the 2026 Clarks Summit Ice Festival, to be held January 30 through February 1. If you would like to be a part of the event, here's what you need to know.

- Elaine Tweedy will coordinate the Art Show again in January. If you are interested in participating, you will need to let her know by December 31, 2025. You can contact Elaine via her cell at 570-575-1705 or email: elainetweedy@gmail.com. All participants must be registered by that date. There will be no late entries accepted.
- Four pieces of art, photography, or sculpture may be submitted. Photography work, participating in the Juried part of the show, must be framed and backed with wire for hanging. Size limit is 20 x 30.
- Drop off of artwork and photography will be Thursday, January 29 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Pick up of your work will be Sunday, February 1 between Noon and 1:00 p.m. Photography work will be juried, with first place, second place and best of show awards. On the artist side of the event, there will be a first and second place award.

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First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Jazz Communion Service

December 24, 2025

11:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Music to Gather the Shepherds

“O Tannenbaum”

“Christmas is Coming”

arr. Guaraldi
Guaraldi

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Tonight is when heaven kisses the earth.

Here is the manger where God takes on flesh.

The shepherds come to see this mystery,

even though official temples would not welcome them.

Wise sages from the East come to worship and offer gifts,

They are strangers, yet greeted as God's Beloved.

In a place that seems off the beaten path,

there God draws near to bring Light and Life to all;

there God sends his Son.

* Hymn 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1, 3, 4)

The musicians will play a brief interlude between the verses.

* Opening Prayer

Creator of all the faithful and the unfaithful,

some of us almost didn't make it tonight.

Other demands tug us in different directions.

Doubts have nipped at our heels.

Holiday greed threatens to make us less than human.

Yet tonight you meet each one of us: right here, right now.

You come, not with burning Holy Fire, but in the simplicity of a Child.

Come down low and reach us, we pray,

that we would experience your love and your mercy. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you . . . and also with you.

* Response

O come, let us adore him . . . Christ the Lord.

LISTEN TO THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Prayer for Light

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT, p. 638)

Special Music

"My Little Drum"

Guaraldi

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (NT, p. 58)

Sermon: "That's What Christmas Is All About, Charlie Brown"

Rev. Carter

GIVING AND RECEIVING GIFTS

* Hymn 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* Affirmation of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

***When the goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness we had done,
but according to his mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that, having been justified by his grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.***

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Music

"Skating"

Guaraldi

Receiving God's Gifts - The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

Communion of the People

All are invited forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup.

Please return to your seat by a side aisle.

Communion Music

"Christmas Time is Here"

Guaraldi

RETURNING HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

* Candlelighting Hymn 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

* Charge and Benediction

Music to Warm the Soul

"Air Music"

Guaraldi

"Linus and Lucy"

Guaraldi

* All who are able shall stand.

Please stay as long as you wish. If you must depart, do so quietly.

Tonight, we honor the 60th anniversary of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” with gratitude for the music of Vince Guaraldi and the art of Charles Schulz.

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Worship Leader: Wayne Wolfe Cantor: Frank Jones
Bass: Tony Marino Drums: Marko Marcinko Saxophone: Mike Carbone

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