



First Presbyterian Church

Service Of Lessons & Carols

Unto Us A Child Is Born

Gathering Music Bob Duda, Pianist

Welcome & Announcements John Christopher, Greeting Elder

Call To Worship Nick Dekay
(See Insert)

Prayer of Invocation For The Indwelling Of The Spirit Marion Larson

* **Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" #133 (Vs. 1 & 3) NPH

Advent Candle Lighting (See Insert)
The Murphy Family, Micah, Sarah, Darby, Bailey, Sam and Sully

Hymn "The First Noel" #147 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6; 7:14 Mark Erickson

Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #88 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Matthew 1:18-23 Ray Erickson

Hymn "What Child Is This" #145 (Vs. 1)

Responsive Reading Luke 1:40-55 John Christopher
(See Insert)

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard On High" #113 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 Mary Christopher

Hymn "Away In A Manger" #115 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Matthew 2:1 Sean Boutin

Hymn "We Three Kings" #151 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Matthew 2:2-6, Micah 5:2 Beth Hayes

Hymn "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #121 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Luke 2:8-12 Marshall and Kate Feise

Hymn "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" #123 (Vs. 1)

Scripture Luke 2:13-18 Patrick LaPierre

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #119 (Vs. 1)

Homily An Advent Poem Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Offering Offerings may be placed in the collection basket
at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary.

Pastoral Prayer (Creator Of the Stars) and Lord's Prayer
(*"Debts & Debtors"; Inside front cover of the hymnal.*)

* **Advent Doxology** *To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"*

Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Praise God! From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

* Please Stand, Physically or Spiritually



* Hymn "Joy To The World" #134 (Vs. 1)

* Benediction Stacey LaPierre

One: Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light,

Many: And usher in the morning.

One: Ye Shepherds, shrink not with affright.

Many: But hear the angel's warning.

One: This child now weak in infancy,

Many: Our confidence and joy shall be.

One: The power of Satan breaking,

Many: Our peace eternal making.

Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain" #136 (Vs. 1 & 3)

Postlude "Joseph Came Walking To Bethlehem" G. Young

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

(The service will also be streamed on our Youtube Channel.)

Prayer Remembrances

We remember in prayer Paula Eschman, Toby Walch, Bev and Jerry Findley, Rev. Mike and his family on the death of his father, Bob Fraser, Wanda Renick, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Joe and Mary Bean, Mark Holbrook (father of Josh), Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

The First Presbyterian Church

on the Park



LESSONS
& CAROLS

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One: Look, see that God comes in the form of a homeless baby.

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

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Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Joseph, do not be disgraced, for he is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Church, see that your homeless neighbor is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Children of God, see your refugee neighbor is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Servants of God, see that the person beside you is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: God, may we welcome all as Christ in disguise, for you are...

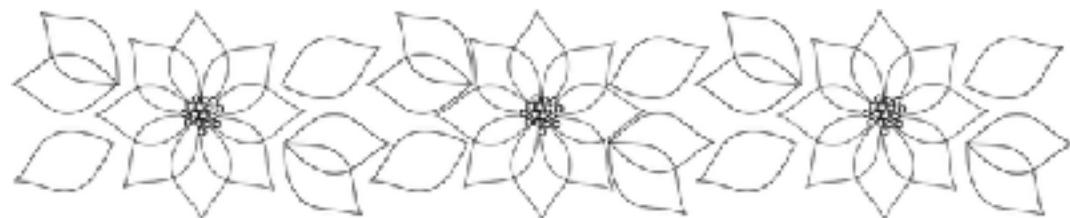
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One: Thank you, God, for being present with us.

Many: Amen.



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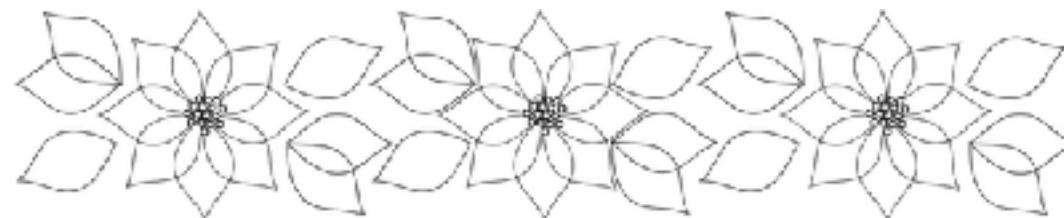
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(First three candles are lit)

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