

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols Welcome Home!

Gathering Music

Robert Duda, Pianist

Welcome and Greeting Our Neighbors

Bell Call

The Bringing Of The Light

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

Call To Worship

*One:* Tonight old dreams die,  
and new dreams come to life.  
The promise is fulfilled.

*Many:* Our candles illuminate our story.  
Dawn invades the midnight.  
The Light of the World has come.

*All:* Glory to God in the highest,  
peace on Earth, goodwill to all.

Invocation

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #115 "Away In A Manger" (Vs. 1 & 2)

Lighting Of The Advent Wreath

The Ripicky-Brackett Family  
George, Emma, Porter & Penelope

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn #113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"  
(Verses 1, 2 & 3)

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn #151 "We Three Kings" (Vs. 1 & 5)

Offering For The Work of The Deacons  
to Feed, Shelter & Comfort Those In Need

Offertory

\* Doxology "Angels We Have Heard On High" Refrain  
*Gloria! In Excelsis Deo! Gloria! In Excelsis Deo!*

Prayer Of Dedication

Scripture

I Corinthians 15:51-52

"Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die,  
but we will all be changed, in a moment,  
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."

Meditation

"The Twinkling Of An Eye"  
Reverend Michael P. Catanzaro

\* Hymn #134 "Joy To The World!" (Vs. 1 & 4)

The Lighting Of The Candles

\* Candlelight Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

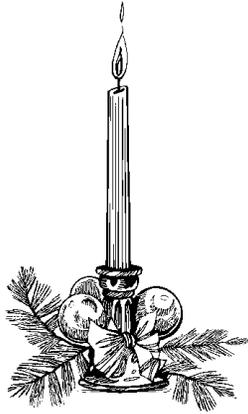
\* Charge & Benediction

## 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.  
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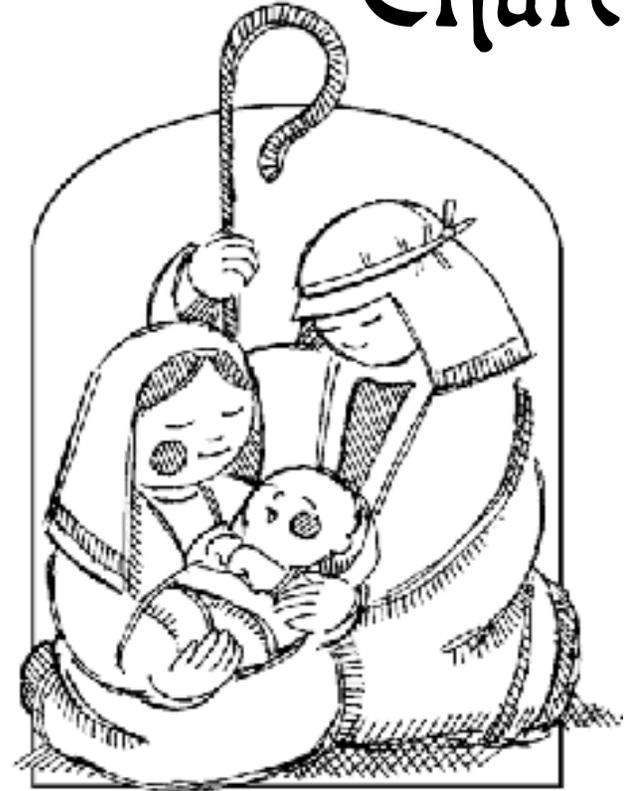
Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly host sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born,  
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Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
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# Merry Christmas

# The First Presbyterian Church



## Christmas Eve On The Park 2025

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Charles Thomas  
by Douglas Wingerath



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Now, we light the Christ candle

as our redeemer draws near;

hearing the promise of such redemption

from the prophet Isaiah:

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid.

Congregation: A voice cries out:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together,

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