

### **THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS**

*Please stand as we sing "Silent Night." The light of Christ will be passed to each worshipper down the row. Please keep your candle lit and upright, touching the tip to the next person's unlit one. After the carol is sung, we will sing the first verse of "Joy to the World" to welcome Christmas into the world before we extinguish our candles. As you leave, please place your extinguished candle in the basket.*

**\*HYMN #122**            *Silent Night, Holy Night*            (Verses 1-4)

**\*HYMN #134**            *Joy to the World*            (Verse 1)

*Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.*

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in celebration of Christ's Love.*

**(B) Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2023**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**CONCERT PRELUDE (5-5:30 pm)**

**WELCOME**

Sheila Markley

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Peter and Marty Rombold

**\*OPENING HYMN #140 (please stand)**

*Once in Royal David's City* (Verses 1-2)

**(PLEASE BE SEATED)**

**OPENING WORDS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Readers: Vannessa Osbourn, Marty Rombold, and Peter Rombold

**THE FIRST LESSON--*Genesis 3:8-15***

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the offspring of woman shall strike the serpent's head.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM:**

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*

**THE SECOND LESSON--*Genesis 22:15-18***

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his offspring the nations of the earth will be blessed.*

**HYMN #145 (please remain seated)**

*What Child is This* (Verse 1)

**THE THIRD LESSON--*Isaiah 9:2-7***

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

**CAROL #147:**

*The First Nowell*

(Verses 1 & 4)

**THE FOURTH LESSON--*Isaiah 11:1-9***

*The peace that Christ will bring is foretold*

**CHORAL ANTHEM:**

*Still, Still, Still...arr.* Luboff

**THE FIFTH LESSON--*Luke 1:26-38***

*The Angel Gabriel speaks to the Virgin Mary*

**CAROL #123: (please remain seated)**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (Verse 1)

**MEDITATION**

Chris Heldstab

**RECEIVING THE JOY OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Do You Hear What I Hear...arr.* Simeon

**THE SIXTH LESSON--*Luke 2:1-7***

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

**CAROL #121: (please remain seated)**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Verses 1, 3, & 4)

**THE SEVENTH LESSON--*Luke 2 8-12***

*The shepherds go to the manger*

**\*CAROL #119: (please stand)**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (Verses 1 & 3)

**THE EIGHTH LESSON--*Matthew 2:1-12***

*The Wise Men are led by the star*

**CAROL #151: (please remain seated)**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are* (Verse 1)

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE NINTH LESSON--*John 1:1-13***

*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation*

**\*People stand as they are able**



## Christmas Eve Concert 5:00pm

### ***Thank you for worshipping with us tonight***

We want all to know that at First Presbyterian Church, Junction City there is always room for new persons at our communion table. We hold an open communion. If you have confessed your faith in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take communion with us. We pray that your Christmas is joyful, and your New Year rich with our Lord's blessing. May you know and share the peace of the Christ Child tonight, and always.

### ***Our Candlelighters***

Under the guidance of **Margaret Kilpatrick**, the following children have worked really hard on the candle lighting tonight: **McKinleigh Blaisdell, Lottie Butler, Piper Butler, Haiden Edleston, Mallory King, Rory King, Ally Lankas, Harper Lankas, Kieran Simu, Delilah Standlee, Grayson White, Haisley White**

### **Merry Christmas to All**

#### **From The Staff of First Presbyterian Church**

Joe Markley, Chancel Choir Director and Organist

Sheila Markley, Music Coordinator & Handbell Choir Director;

Rhoda Frasier, Organist

Matthew Pickering, Organist

Support Staff: Melissa Goble, Administrative Assistant; Dawn Avery, Youth Education Coordinator; Annette Ray, Treasurer; Chris Munson,

Financial Secretary; Colleen Smith, Video preparer/operator and Worship specialist; Randy Smith, Facilities Maintenance; Brianna

Talley, Nursery Attendant;

DeGe Boller, Nursery Attendant

### **Good Christian Friends Rejoice-Traditional**

Vocal Duet: Grayson & Jade White

### **Ukrainian Carol Sonatina-Bende**

Piano Solo, Aidan Simu

### **Some Children See Him. By Burt**

Vocal Solo, Rick Munson

Guitar Accompaniment, Robby Haynes

### **Mary Did You Know, Arr. Schrader**

Chancel Choir Ladies Ensemble

### **Go Tell It on the Mountain-Traditional**

Chancel Choir Men's Ensemble

### **Who Would Imagine a King? By Warren & Hill**

Vocal Solo, Chris Heldstab

### **Sweet Little Jesus Boy. By MacGimsey**

Vocal Solo, Robby Haynes

### **Christmas Gratitude. By Guebert**

Repeat the Sounding Joy Arr. Eithun

Glory Ringers Handbell Choir



*2023 Christmas Poinsettias*

Pearl Barnicle

In Memory of Bill Barnicle  
In Memory of Nina Gill  
In Memory of Don Helleman  
In Memory of Madge Kennedy  
In Memory of Irene Jeffries  
In Memory of Margaret Shane

Barbara Craft

In Honor of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior

Hugh & Elaine Dill

In Memory of J. Mark & Flo Dill  
In Memory of Wm. M & Nadine Edie

Harold & Susan Erichsen

In Memory of Albert & Ruth Erichsen  
In Memory of Carl Ehlers

Bob & Rhoda Frasier

In Honor and Memory of our loved ones

Lonny & Melissa Goble

In Memory of Chris Reeser  
In Memory of Robert (Bobby) Taylor

Bob & Pam Haynes

In Memory of Joseph Haynes  
In Memory of Robert & Donna Mae Haynes

Clyde & Barb Hill

In Memory of our moms, Katherine Cleveland and Jennie Hill Thornton

Ann Langvardt

In Memory of Howard Langvardt  
In Honor of Vern & Marie Langvardt and Lawrence & Hazel Kamm

Mitch & Jenna Langvardt

In Memory of Howard Langvardt  
In Memory of our loving grandparents and family members who have passed  
In Honor of our grandchildren

Robert & Chris Munson

In Memory of Chuck Munson  
In Memory of Ed J. Rolfs  
In Memory of Ralph & Bernice Munson  
In Memory of Vaudene Field  
In Memory of Rev. Ted Lester

Jorja L. Poppe

In Memory of Clint Poppe

Nancy Stemhagen

In Memory of my parents Harvey & Opal Wenger  
In Memory of my husband Robert Stemhagen and my son Robert Heaney

Scott & Alice Stuckey

In Memory of Leroy & Pat Stuckey  
In Memory of John & Margaret Wheat