

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. Gifts/pledges may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the "Give Now" link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com>

OFFERTORY

*Christmas Bell Suite...arr. John Behnke
Glory Ringers*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed pg. 35

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

CANDLE LIGHTING

(Please use caution with lit candles. Please do not allow small children to hold them alone. Please keep lit and freshly extinguished candles upright in order to avoid wax spills on the furnishings and carpet. Please place candles in those baskets by the doors as you exit. Thank you for sharing a part of this most Holy evening with us. We join with Christ in welcoming you.)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN #122**

Silent Night! Holy Night!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

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 may be seen during children's sermons. If you have concerns, please get in touch with 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.

**December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve**

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Rise Up...a Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.

Leader: Let us go with those who are wise:

People: Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

Leader: Let us go with the poor in spirit and in flesh; let us go with those who are humbled by life:

People: Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a manger.

Leader: Let us go with our friends and family; let us go with our neighbors and with strangers, let us go with all the children of God:

People: Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

Leader: O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him!

People: Let us worship Christ our Lord!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Nabus Family

CHORAL RESPONSE:

Emmanuel

*HYMN OF PRAISE #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (Hymn #447)** *We are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*THE PEACE

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

CHORAL ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter...by Darke

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (vs 1,3) #93

Luke 2:1-7 O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1,2,4) #121

Luke 2:8-14 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs 1,3,6) #118

Luke 2:15-20 Angels We Have Heard on High #113

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Birds



2024 Christmas Poinsettias

Pearl Barnicle	In Memory of Bill Barnicle In Memory of Nina Gill In Memory of Don Helleman In Memory of Irene Jeffries In Memory of Madge Kennedy In Memory of Margaret Shane
Hugh & Elaine Dill	In Memory of Mark & Flo Dill In Memory of Bill & Nadine Edie
Harold & Susan Erichsen	In Memory of Albert & Ruth Erichsen In Memory of Carl Ehlers
Bob & Rhoda Frasier	In Memory of our parents and grandson In Honor of our children, grand & great-grandchildren
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
Margaret Kilpatrick	In Memory of our parents Steadman & Emma Canady In Memory of Lucy Kilpatrick

Andrew & Ashley King	In Memory of Rodney King
Ann Langvardt	In Memory of Howard Langvardt In Honor of Vern & Marie Langvardt and Lawrence & Hazel Kamm
Mitch & Jenna Langvardt	In Memory of our father Howard Langvardt and of our grandparents In Honor of our 3 grandchildren-Brynlee, Landry and Brooke who God blessed us with
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
Gene & Janet Parrish	In Memory of those who have passed before us
Bill & Carol Powers	In Memory of Walter & Tina Powers and Richard & Thelma Maxwell
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
The White Family	In Honor of All First Responders and Healthcare Workers away from families on Christmas

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 hard on the candle lighting tonight: **McKinleigh Blaisdell, Haiden Edleston, Mallory King, Rory King, Ally Lankas, Harper Lankas, Quint Lindey, Kieran Simu, Delilah Standlee, Grayson White, Haisley White, Aaliyah Williams, Toby Yascavage**

Our Ushers

MS/HS Sunday School Class

Merry Christmas to All

From The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Kemper Huber, Transitional Pastor

Joe Markley, Chancel Choir Director and Organist

Sheila Markley, Music Coordinator & Handbell Choir Director

Rhoda Frasier, Organist

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Smith, Video preparer/operator/sound; Randy Smith, Facilities

Maintenance; Brianna Talley, Nursery Attendant



**Christmas Eve Concert
5:00 pm**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Vocal Solo: Abby Artigue

Chopin Waltz in b minor

Piano Solo, Aidan Simu

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Chancel Choir Men's Ensemble

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Vocal Duet, Chris Heldstab & Mallory King

Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella

Piano Solo, Joe Markley

Away in a Manger, Silent Night

Presby Kids

O Come, O Come Immanuel Christmas Bell Suite

Glory Ringers Handbell Choir