

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship
Advent III
Music Sunday
December 17, 2023

Prelude I *Sinfonia, from Christmas Oratorio* – J.S. Bach

Prelude II – Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves, Redman

Glory in the Highest
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prelude III *Prelude, from Appalachian Winter* – Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

Welcome and Announcements Dan Reeves

Responsive Call to Worship Rev. David Hodgson

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy Carol Anderson & Susan Durand

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #611

Unison Prayer of Adoration Deborah Rosen

A Time with Our Children Kyle Harding

*Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #133, Vss. 1,3,4
Congregation & Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

Cantata *Appalachian Winter* – Joseph Martin
Director Jeff Harris, Sanctuary Choir, One Voice,
Hearts, Hands & Voices, Soloists Lauren Harding,
and Anita Ramsey, Cellist Ben Gerlach, Narrator Deborah Rosen

Hope and Expectation
Long Time Ago

Meditation God's Family Values Rev. David Hodgson

Away in a Manger
While Shepherds Watched
A Rustic Carol
Children, Go Tell It On The Mountain

Affirmation Carol *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* – Linda Lamb
First Ringers

Call to Offering Rev. David Hodgson

Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* – arr. Kevin McChesney
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

*Doxology (Tune: Gloria)

*Prayer of Dedication Dan Reeves

*Closing Carol – Tomlin, Cash, Handel, Watts, Gilder
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

*Benediction Rev. David Hodgson

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* – Dwight Blazin

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

To see more details on these announcements, check your **Weekly Update**.

To subscribe to the **Weekly Update**, contact the church office at
pubs@fpcmesa.org.

Christian Education: Adults in Library at 11:30; Children in Jackson B at 11:20.

Poinsettias can be ordered for \$10 each. Forms are in the Sanctuary and office.
Link is in Weekly Update. Today is the deadline for ordering.

Angel Tree: Wrapped presents are due today.

Gift Wrapping: Young Adults will wrap presents today after worship. Donations welcome.

Celebrate Christmas Eve: 12/24 at 3:00 p.m. with Choirs, Candlelight, Communion & Bells. **THERE WILL BE NO 10:00 a.m. SERVICE THAT DAY!**

The January Series is returning. Weekdays from 1/15—2/2/24 at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests must be sent to: Prayer@fpcmesa.org or call the church office.

See our complete Church Calendar at [fpcmesa.org/calendar](https://www.fpcmesa.org/calendar).

Our service is being livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcmesa7064/streams>.

Offerings can be made during worship, mailing to church office or using this QR code.



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