

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2021 — **8:00 p.m.**

Prelude

Christmas Medley — arr. McChesney/Dodrinski/Wagner/Sherman
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

The First Noel — arr. Diane Bish
Organ

Welcome Children's Video

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ann & Peter Conklin

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ, son of Mary, son of God, is born this night.

People: **God's Word has been made flesh among us.**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.

People: **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them Light has shined.**

Leader: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: **He is also called Emmanuel; for in him, God is with us.**

All: **Let us worship God, revealed most completely to us in Jesus Christ.**



*Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

Prayer of Adoration

Service of Lessons and Carols

First Lesson — *The vision of the prophets*

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Micah 5:2-5a



Carol

Love Has Come

#110

Second Lesson — *The angel Gabriel visits Mary*

Scripture

Luke 1:26-35

Anthem

Sing We Noel

— Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir; Bea Towe, Pianist

Third Lesson — *An angel visits Joseph*

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Homily

Oh What a Night!

Rev. Ann Conklin

Christmas Candlelight Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is fitting and right to give thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (please feel free to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Ben Gerlach, Cello

— John Neale

Fourth Lesson — *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

Scripture

Luke 2:1-18

 *Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#119

Fifth Lesson — *The wise men visit Jesus and offer him their treasure*

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-11

 *Carol

Joy to the World!

#134

Call to Offering
Offertory

Fanfare for Christmas
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

— Anna Laura Page

Sixth Lesson — *Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!*

Scripture

John 1:1-5

 *Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night
With Hearts, Hands, and Voices

#122

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. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia"
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from the holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our king;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*Benediction

Celebrant:

Rev. Ann Conklin

Director of Music:

Dr. Mark Ramsey

Min. of Faith Formation:

Chris McKee

Choirs:

Sanctuary Choir; Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir; Hearts, Hands, and Voices

Pianist:

Bea Towe

Soloist:

Ben Gerlach, Cello