

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 24, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.

Prelude *Good Christians All, Rejoice* - arr. Page Long

Video – The Real Night Before Christmas

Welcome Rev. Christian Johnson

Advent Wreath Lighting The Gerlach Family

Leader: The night has been long, but the longing ends here. The Promise kept every word. The Deliverer has crossed the great divide. He is not coming — He has come.

Reader: “Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

All: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell — O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel! You are here. You are here. Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Behold — the Light has stepped into our darkness! Our longing is satisfied. Jesus is here. Let us adore Him!

All: Christ is born! Immanuel has come! Hallelujah!

First Lesson: The Fall and Promise of a Savior, Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Rev. Christian Johnson

Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #129

Second Lesson: Abraham's Promise, Genesis 22:15-18 Carol Gerlach

*Carol *Joy to the World* #134

Third Lesson: Light in Darkness, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Joy Schulz

Music *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* - arr. Larry Sue
Handbell Ensemble

Fourth Lesson: Peaceable Kingdom, Isaiah 11:1-9 Jeff Seehorn

Anthem *One Perfect Flower* - Garry A. Cornell
Sanctuary Choir

Fifth Lesson: Annunciation, Luke 1:26-38 Milki Newbry

Carol *Away in a Manger* #114

Sixth Lesson: Birth in Bethlehem, Luke 2:1-7 Mike Gerlach

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #119

Seventh Lesson: Shepherds and Angels, Luke 2:8-16 Carol Gerlach

Music *Angels We Have Heard on High* #113

Eighth Lesson: Magi's Visit, Matthew 2:1-12 Jeff Seehorn

Carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #151, Vss. 1-3

Video – O Come Holy Night

Ninth Lesson: The Word Became Flesh, John 1:1-14 Rev. Christian Johnson

Homily Rev. Christian Johnson

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering / Prayer of Dedication

Renita Jurgensen

Offertory

Gaudete
Handbell Ensemble

— Piaë Cantiones, arr. Larry Sue

*Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night! #122
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, Hearts Hands and Voices & Congregation

*Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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New Worship Time: 11:00 a.m. beginning 1/4/26.

The January Series is returning. Weekdays from 1/19-30 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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

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for his
unspeakable
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