

† CAROL *“Silent Night”*
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 Thy 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.

† RINGING OF THE BELLS

† CAROL *“Joy to the World”*
Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders of His love.

† CHRISTMAS BLESSING (responsive)
L: Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, And lead us to the shining truth of...
P: God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

POSTLUDE *“Christmas Praise”* Arr. by Don Phillips
† Please stand if you are able.

We welcome Pastor Gracie Hellweg Payne to the pulpit, this evening.

We welcome Linda Rosen on the piano, as she accompanies Cheryl on the organ.

POINSETTIA DEDICATION
The white poinsettia is given by Moffett Craig in joyful memory of her mom, Jessie R. Robinson.
(For those who had a poinsettia dedication, you are invited to take your poinsettia after tonight’s service.)

This evening’s offering will be divided between:

- Prevail Inc. (50%) is committed to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for adult, adolescent and child survivors of crime and abuse.
- Cooper House (50%) which provides support and encouragement to foster children and their families so that ultimately, they can be together again in a thriving home.



Poinsettia Dedications
Christmas Eve Service



In Honor of Helen LeCount
From the LeCount Family

In Honor of all the Accomplishments of the Craig Family
over the years & genetics.

In Memory of Tata Nsoh Tabah
In Honor of Helen Tabah
In Honor of Alice Ndofor
In Honor of Abraham Ndofor.
From the Ndofor Family

In Memory of Joseph Sergi
From Linda Melton

In Memory of Patricia R. Newville
From Jim Newville

In Memory of Louise Stoutenberry
In Memory of Bertha Stoutenberry,
In Memory of Janet Ditzler
In Memory of Vier Ditzler III
From Cheryl Ditzler

In Memory of our wonderful parents:
Bob & Marie Maloney
And Herb & Lola Popp
Love, Mike & Rita

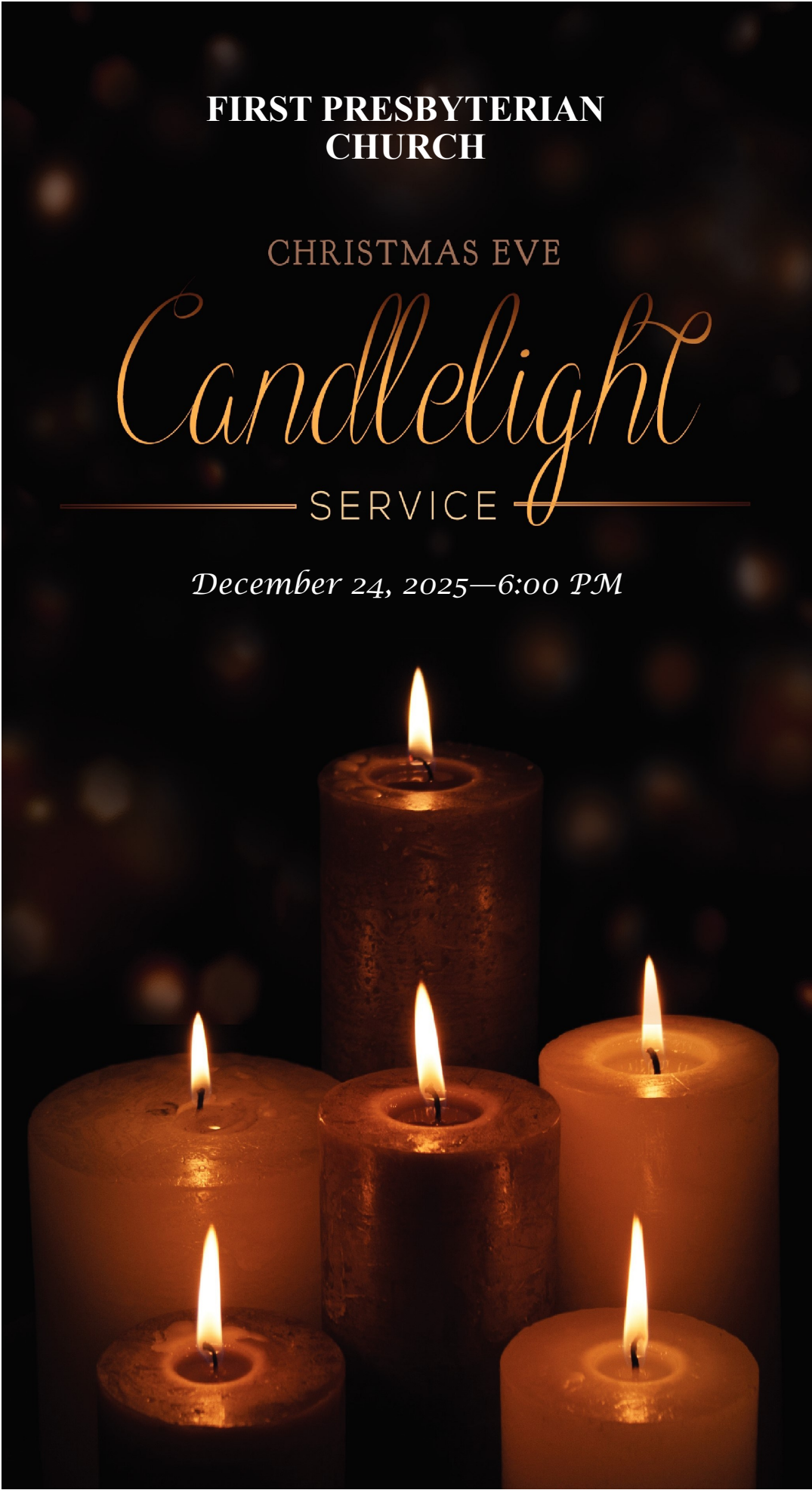
In Memory of Harry, Jackie & Kandie Irwin
From Robin Rufatto

In Loving Memory of Bradford Hedrick
From Carol & daughters Heather & Jennifer

In Memory of our Parents AB & Dorothy Rudy
In Memory of our brothers AB Jr. & Rick Rudy
In Memory of our Parents Helen & Big George Fleet
With Love, George & Pat Rudy Fleet

In Memory of Sara Moyer Carpenter,
our beautiful daughter,
who is forever young and sadly missed.
Love Always, Mom & Dad - Doug & Ann Moyer

In Memory Mr. & Mrs. Bob McFarland
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Green
From Wes & Ann Green



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| FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DECEMBER 24, 2025—6:00 PM | | |
| As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember that are those who cherish a time of quiet to prepare for worship. | | |
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| PRELUDE | Cheryl Mayhew, organist; Linda Rosen, piano “All Is Well” | Michael W. Smith |
| WELCOME | Pastor Gracie Payne | |
| CHORAL ANTHEM | “Ding Dong Merrily On High” | Chancel Choir |
| † CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Leader: All the world this night rejoices. All: The stars shine more brightly, Leader: The mountains echo their joy, All: For a Savior is born. Leader: On this holy night, All: All the animals bow in adoration. Leader: The birds lift their voices in song. All: All creatures know the Good News of the birth of a Savior, Leader: And we feel drawn to this holy night, All: Beckoned by some deep longing Leader: For our lives to be made whole, All: Our hearts to be filled with joy and our lips to constantly sing praises. All the world this night rejoices. | | |
| † OPENING CAROL | “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the king of angels! Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God All glory In the highest! Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n! Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. | |
| CANDLE LITANY | Moffett & Stephen Craig L: After counting the weeks of Advent, we have come to Christmas Eve. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2) The first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Hope. The second Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Peace. The third Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Joy. The fourth Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Love. Tonight, we light the candle of Christ as we celebrate his birth. The true light, which enlightens everyone, Jesus the Messiah has come into the world. | |

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| P: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14) | | |
| CAROL | “The First Noel” The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. They look-ed up and saw a star, Shining in the east, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O’er Beth-le-hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. | |
| OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY | Isaiah 9:2,6-7 | Bill Linville |
| CAROL | “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing. For lo! the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing. | |
| THE ANNUNCIATION | Luke 1:26-33 | Trish Moore |
| CAROL | “Away in a Manger” Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay; The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus - no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there. | |
| THE BIRTH OF JESUS | Luke 2:1-7 | Isaac Swatts |
| CAROL | “O Little Town of Bethlehem” O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shine’th the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above. While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond-ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv’n; So God imparts to hu-man hearts the blessings of His Heav’n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. | |

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| <i>O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray! Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us to-day. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!</i> | | |
| THE SHEPHERDS | Luke 2:8-20 | Johnathan Baker |
| CHORAL ANTHEM | <i>“Mary Did You Know?”</i> | Sue Jourdan, Claudia MacRae & Robin Rufatto |
| JOHN’S GOSPEL | John 1:1-5 | Carl Lickley |
| CAROL | <i>“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”</i> <i>Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”</i> <i>Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory, to the newborn King.”</i> <i>Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.</i> <i>Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory, to the newborn King.”</i> <i>Hail, the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.</i> <i>Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory, to the newborn King.”</i> | |
| THE VISIT OF THE MAGI | Matthew 2:1-11 | Kregg Swanson |
| CAROL | <i>“We Three Kings”</i> <i>We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a-far-Field and fountain, moor and mountain— following yonder star.</i> <i>O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.</i> <i>Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav’n replies.</i> <i>O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.</i> | |
| PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>“The Birthday of a King</i> | William Harold Neidlinger |
| <i>(The offering will be divided equally between Family Promise and Cooper House.)</i> | | |
| † DOXOLOGY | | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION | Pastor Gracie Payne | |
| <i>“This Strange and Wondrous Gift”</i> | | |
| LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES | <i>“Oh Holy Night”</i> | Warren Fremling, baritone |