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As we pass the light, please take care, especially around children, to hold the candle by the cup instead of the taper. Remember, **the lit candle is never tipped.** Please place your candle in one of the baskets near the exits as you leave.

Christmas Poinsettias—If you ordered poinsettias, please take them with you this evening after worship.

☪ If you wish to take the light home with you after the service, you may come forward when the service concludes and light your candle with the Peace Light at the communion table. You will need to be sure that you can safely transport your candle to wherever you are going. This will likely mean you need to travel with another person so one person can mind the light while the other person drives.

WEEKLY WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. No Sunday School on 12/28 and 1/4
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Jeff Kapp
Time with Children: Jeff Kapp
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Acolytes: Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers
Ushers in Charge: Lee Seitz, Kim Lewis, Lori Smith and Mary Swanger

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

	<div><div>We Gather in God’s Name</div><div>(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)</div><div>Christmas Eve</div></div>			<div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:13-14</div><div>Hymn #113 Angels We Have Heard on High</div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:15-19</div><div>Hymn #145 What Child Is This</div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:20</div><div>Hymn #136 Go Tell It on the Mountain</div></div>		
	<div><div>Welcome and Announcements</div><div>Lector, Jeff Kapp</div></div>			<div><div>Christmas Meditation</div><div>God With Us</div><div>Rev. Rebecca Mihm</div></div>		
	<div><div>We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.</div><div>Prelude</div><div>Tapestry of Christmas Carols</div><div>arr. Jean Mitrosky</div><div>Advent Reading and Candle Lighting</div><div>Ron and Joyce Alberta</div></div>			<div><div>Hymn #119</div><div>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</div></div>		
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold .	<div><div>Hymn No. 110</div><div>Love Has Come</div></div>			<div><div>We Give Thanks to God</div></div>		
	<div><div>Call to Worship</div><div>Sing a new song to God, all the earth!</div><div>The oceans roar, the forests sing for joy.</div><div>For God has shattered the yoke and tossed the boots of the oppressor into the fire.</div><div>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill!</div><div>Do not be afraid, for good news thrills creation:</div><div>Today our liberator has been born!</div></div>			<div><div>Call for the Offering</div><div>Offering and Offertory</div><div>One Small Child</div><div>arr. by Lloyd Larson</div><div>✦Doxology</div><div>✦Prayer of Dedication</div><div>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</div><div>✦The Christ Candlelight is Shared</div><div>Our candles will be lit this evening with the International Peace Light that has traveled from person-to-person from an eternal flame in Bethlehem, Israel to Clarion, PA. It’s light, warmth, and message of peace come to us from the birthplace of Jesus. Let us praise Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and seek to be peacemakers which he has called us to be.</div><div>✦Hymn #122 (Insert) Silent Night As we sing this hymn, please raise your candle during the 4th verse.</div></div>		
	<div><div>✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.</div><div>✦Hymn No. 133</div><div>O Come, All Ye Faithful</div><div>Call to Confession</div><div>God came into a broken world, and we know all too well the ways it is still broken and hurting. Let us confess the ways we have done harm, that we may be part of the healing.</div><div>Prayer of Confession (Unison)</div><div>Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we do not deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely. We are grateful for your mercy. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.</div><div>Declaration of Forgiveness</div><div>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation with him! With Christ’s birth comes forgiveness and redemption.</div><div>Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!</div></div>			<div><div>✦Hymn No. 134 (Insert)</div><div>Joy to the World</div><div>✦Proclamation and Benediction</div><div>Postlude</div><div>Variations on “In Dulci Jubilo”</div><div>Nigel Williams</div></div>		
GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen	<div><div>✦Gloria Patri</div><div>We Share God’s Word</div><div>Time with the Children</div><div>Jeff Kapp</div><div>Prayer of Illumination</div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:1-4</div><div>Hymn #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem</div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:5-7</div><div>Hymn #115 Away in a Manger</div><div>Scripture Lesson</div><div>Luke 2:8-12</div><div>Hymn #123 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</div></div>					