

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* arr. Lloyd Larson
Ron Ollis, organ and Margaret Bardin, piano

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Brett and Donna Coe Family

#84 *Creator of the Stars of Night* (verse 1) CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

Unison Prayer: Lord Jesus, as we seek signs of Christ’s presence, help us be signs of Christ’s presence that others are searching for. As these candles are a glimpse of the light of the world, help us be a glimpse of the goodness of God. Amen.

Introit: Excerpt from *“Medley for Christmas”* arr. Randy Cox
Hark the Herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King!

†Call to Worship Jason Reed
One: Emmanuel has come and is coming.

All: Come, all ye faithful, come and worship God!

†Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

†Prayer of Adoration

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Anthem: *Chosen Mary, Gentle One* Joseph M. Martin

Hail, O blessed one. The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, for you have found favor with God.
Mary, you shall have a Son, and you shall call him Jesus.

Chosen Mary, gentle one, I come to you today.
I bring to you glad tidings of great joy, be not afraid.
You will bear a holy Child, the Son of God by name.
I bring tidings of comfort and of joy!

O chosen Mary, gentle one, rejoice; be not afraid.
The Lord will give to you a Son to hold in love's embrace.
And He shall be called Jesus, the name above all names.
I bring tidings of comfort and of joy!

Chosen Mary, gentle one, put all your fears away.
For God will work a miracle, and He will keep you safe.
The Spirit of Almighty God will cover you with grace.
I bring tidings of comfort and of joy! I bring joy!

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

†Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:15-19

Homily: *“Bread of Heaven”* Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Do You Hear What I Hear* arr. Harry Simeone

Said the night wind to the little land, "Do you see what I see?
'Way up in the sky little lamb.

A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy?

A song, a song, high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king."

A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, “Listen to what I say:
Pray for peace, people everywhere!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light.”

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Anthem: *Let Our Gladness Have No End* Carl Schalk

Let our gladness have no end, Alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son to save us.
Christ, his Son to save us!

See the loveliest blooming rose, Alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son to save us.
Christ, his Son to save us!

Into flesh is made the Word, Alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son to save us.
Christ, his Son to save us!
Let our gladness have no end, Alleluia!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Breaking, Pouring, Partaking

Prayer after Communion

God of shepherds and sheep, Lord of all creation, we give you thanks that you have gathered us here, revealed to us your glory, and fed us with your love. Sustain us in your peace as you send us out bearing good news for all: a child is born, Jesus Christ our Savior! In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

As the light is shared, remember to keep the lighted candle upright so that wax is not spilled.

†Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response: *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

†Please stand, as you are able



Visit our website at fpcpasadena.org about these ministries and more:

- **Sunday School Classes for All Ages**, Sundays at 9 am.
- **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**, Sundays at 10:30.
- **Yoga**, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5 & 6:15, FH. Resumes February 1.
- **Presbyterian Women Circles**, Second Tuesdays, 10 am & 6:30 pm, FH. January 9.
- **Brown Bag & Bible**, Wednesdays at noon, FH. Resumes January 10.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm, Room #10.
- **Cut-ups**, Third Wednesdays, 1 pm, Room #9. January 17.
- **Young at Heart**, Third Thursdays, 10 am, FH., January 18.
- **Chain Stitchers/Quilting**, Thursdays, noon & 6:30 pm, FH. Resumes January 18.
- **Brunch & Book Group**, Saturday, January 20, 10 am, FH. Discuss "The Perfumist of Paris" by Alka Joshi.
- **Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays at 7 pm.
- **Handbell Practice**, Sundays, 12:15 pm, Room #11.

**May the peace and promise of Christmas live in our hearts
throughout the coming year.**

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY COMMUNION



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PASADENA

December 24, 2023

7:00 p.m.



LEADING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Pastor

Jason Reed, Liturgist

Marilyn Wilkins, Director of Music

Jamie Taylor Adams, Director of Handbells

Ron Ollis, Organ

Margaret Bardin, Piano

FPC Chancel Choir

FPC Handbells

Barry Webb, Audio-Visual