

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**December 25, 2016**

**11:00 am**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**+HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal #31**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus,  
we confess that we truly need a Savior.  
We are a sinful people,  
and our pardon depends on your coming.  
We are an anxious people,  
and our peace depends on your coming.  
We are a wayward people,  
and our sense of direction depends on your coming.  
Yes, we truly need a Savior.

**TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**+PRAISE RESPONSE**

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 Emmanuel!

**SCRIPTURE:**

**"The Birth of Christ:  
A Responsive Reading"**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM "Still, Still, Still"**

**MESSAGE "What Are you Getting for Christmas?" John Wamsley**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (in unison)**

I believe that stars shine in the sky.  
I believe that shepherds keep watch over their flocks  
I believe that Mary gave birth to a baby.  
Christmas is real.  
Even though it happened a long time ago and far away,  
the birth of Jesus has made all of life holy.  
Jesus is real. Even though He was God's Son,  
Jesus lived a human life.  
He experiences our pain and pleasure.  
But He does not sin.  
Hope is real. Even though the world is troubled,  
Christmas promises us that God is love.  
We know that God's Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.

**+HYMN "Joy to the World!" Hymnal #40**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**+CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymnal #29**

**+BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2016

6:00 pm

PRELUDE

Stanley Littleton

CALL TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

John Wamsley

\*HYMN "O Come, All ye Faithful"

Blue #41

THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jared & Ashley Rackley & Lyla

UNISON PRAYER

Like the shepherds, we respond in faith to the message of the angels. Like the Magi, we follow the light in a dark world. Like Mary, we ponder the meaning of the miracle. Like believers around the world, we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

HYMN

"Away In A Manger"

Blue #25

## FOURTH LESSON

Jesus' Birth  
Luke 2:1-7

## FIFTH LESSON

The Angels and the Shepherds  
Luke 2: 8-20

"Westminster Carol"

Choir

## SIXTH LESSON

Visit of the Wise Men  
Mathew Chapter 2  
"This Peaceful Night"

Choir

## SEVENTH LESSON

John Ch.1  
"What Child Is This"

Blue #53

## FIRST LESSON

God's Promise for All Ages  
Genesis 22:15-18

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Blue #2

## SECOND LESSON

The Messiah Promised  
Isaiah 9:2-7, Micah5:2-5a

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Blue #44

## THIRD LESSON

The Annunciation to Mary  
Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM "The Angel Gabriel"

Choir

HOLY COMMUNION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
*(Hold onto bread and juice til everyone has been served)*

\*HYMN

"Silent Night!

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\*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

*Tonight's offering will go to support our Food Pantry - bagging every Tuesday and serving hundreds every Wednesday. Place your donation in baskets as you leave.*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!