



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

DECEMBER 24, 2018  
SERVICE OF COMMUNION

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
11:00 p.m.



*Holy Night* © 2016 John Stuart

*Welcome to all! A special welcome to guests and newcomers. Let us know of your presence by signing the red pad which is at the end of each pew. Please introduce yourself to a minister after the service.*

## PRELUDE

*Christmas Carols for Brass*

*Noel IX*

Louis-Claude Daquin

*Gloria* (Christmas Cantata)

Daniel Pinkham

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all.  
Be joyful all ye nations, with gladness serve the Lord.  
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all.  
Come before His presence, come unto Him with singing and exultation.  
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all.  
Now know ye: know that the Lord is God, strong and mighty  
He created us, and not we ourselves.  
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all.

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. McGowan

One: Light looked down and saw darkness.

All: **“I will go there,” said Light.**

One: Peace looked down and saw war.  
**All: "I will go there," said Peace.**  
 One: Love looked down and saw hatred.  
**All: "I will go there," said Love.**  
 One: So Christ,  
**All: the Lord of Light,**  
 One: the Prince of PEACE,  
**All: the King of Love,**  
 One: will come down, will creep in beside us,  
**All: and hold us in Joy!**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

\* HYMN 41                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                      ADESTE FIDELES

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Give us, O God, such love and wonder that with the shepherds and magi, and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy child, the promised kings; and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN                                      *He Came Down*                                      HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leder:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

... that we may have light  
 ... that we may have peace  
 ... that we may have joy

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

<b>FIRST READING</b>	Isaiah 9:2-7	Rev. Parks-Piatt
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Salvation Is Created</i>	Paul Tschesnokoff
<b>HYMN 31</b>	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Luke 2:1-20	Rev. Koenig-Reinke Essie Koenig-Reinke
* <b>HYMN 44</b>	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
<b>THIRD READING</b>	John 1:1-4, 14, 16	Rev. Buckley
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Nativity Carol</i>	John Rutter
<b>MEDITATION</b>		Rev. Sanderford
<b>SOLO</b>	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam
* <b>HYMN 53</b>	<i>What Child Is This</i>	GREENSLEEVES
<b>OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS</b>		Rev. Parks-Piatt

**Offertory**                      *The First Nowell*                      Mack Willberg  
The first Nowell 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.  
  
They looked 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.  
  
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**                      Rev. Rogers  
Rev. Sanderford

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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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

### Communion of the People

*All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

### Communion Music

*Of the Father's Heart Begotten* arr. David Willcocks

### Prayer After Communion

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*At the candle lighting, the ministers will move down the center aisle to light the first candle in each pew. Each person in turn will light the candle of the next worshiper. Remember to keep the lighted candle upright when sharing the light. Please remain seated.*

### Carol Sing

*Please remain seated.*

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

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy . . .**

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing through the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

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It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

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**

*Please extinguish your candle after receiving the benediction. Carry the light of the Christ child in your hearts as Christmas morning breaks, and know the blessing of Emmanuel, God with us.*

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Noel X*

Louis-Claude Daquin

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

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**Worship leadership** includes the Reverends Rogers, Sanderford, Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, McGowan, and Parks-Piatt; brass players Alex Wilson, Timothy Krohn, Carrie Banfield, Joseph McInchak, and Martha Farmer; Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; and Chancel Choir.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Kay Fuller (captain), Doug and Carol Gottliebsen, Jim, Charlie, and Luke Rogers, and Tom McKarns. **Sound system operator** is Rol Kibler.

**Our Christmas Eve offering** will support Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel and the Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel.

**Next Sunday, December 30**, we have one Family Service at 10:00 a.m. We will offer a *prayer-ground* for children to worship with us. Join us at the front of the Sanctuary, on the lectern side. Before the service, join us for coffee and treats to celebrate the year's end in the Lounge, just outside the pulpit door, starting at 9:30 a.m.

**The church building** will be closed Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1. The building will close at 4:00 p.m., December 26–28 and 31.

**Year-End Finance Information:** Please support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church with your year-end gifts. The IRS requires that books for 2018 be closed on December 31. Your mailed donation must be postmarked no later than December 31 for your contribution to be applied to your 2018 financial statement. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year. A new authorization form, available on our website and in the Finance Office, must be filled out annually. We encourage you to use our GivePlus app for your donations. **2019 contribution envelopes** for those who requested them are available outside the Finance Office.

**First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter January 7–21, 2019.** Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Evening volunteers and overnight hosts are needed each night. Drivers are needed on weekend mornings and donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are requested. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036), or the Church Office to find out how you can help.



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