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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

FAMILY WORSHIP AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

3:00 p.m.



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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

Noël

Henri Mulet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sanderford

One: Listen, children of God, the Lord shall give you a sign:
a bright star shall be made to shine over Bethlehem,
marking the place where a young woman shall bring forth
a child, the very Son of God.

**All: His name shall be called Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

One: Come, children of God, come and follow the star to Bethlehem.
Come and adore Christ the newborn King.

INTRODUCTION

Beca Torres-Davenport

* HYMN 44

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 shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

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!

READING God's Promise Told to Mary and Joseph Rev. Parks-Piatt

HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

READING The Journey of Mary and Joseph

ANTHEM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

READING The Birth of Jesus

HYMN 60

Silent Night, Holy 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."

READING The Angels Appear to the Shepherds

* HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

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.**

READING The Shepherds Come to the Manger

HYMN 25 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER
**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.**

READING The Shepherds Tell of the Birth of Jesus

*** HYMN 56** *The First Nowell*
**The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-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.**

READING The Visit of the Magi

ANTHEM *A Child Was Born* Carey Blyton

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The children are invited to come down the center aisle with their gifts.

*** HYMN** *He Came Down* HE CAME DOWN
The hymn is found later in this bulletin.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

HYMN 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
**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 . . . Christ, the Lord!**

HYMN 38 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* CAROL
**It came upon a 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.**

HYMN 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**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 angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

Rev. Rogers

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.**

*** CLOSING HYMN** *Joy to the World!*

**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. . . .**

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

BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the benediction.

*** POSTLUDE**

Noel X

Louis-Claude Daquin

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 guests 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.

The children’s gifts of socks and underwear will be distributed through the House by the Side of the Road, an organization that offers adult and children’s clothing and small household items to clients referred by a church or a social worker.

The 2018 Christmas Eve offering will support Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel and the Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel.

Leading worship are the Revs. Melissa Anne Rogers, Jay Sanderford, and Dorothy Parks-Piatt; the Feyen family; and Beca Torres-Davenport, Transitional Coordinator for Children’s Education and Family Ministry.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Ken Westfall, Ross Anderson, Dean Gilchrist, Ron David, Lynn Milroy, Martin Reineman, Dave Gregorka and Aidan and Chloe Majorprice. **Sound system operator** is Dallas Dort.

Musicians providing worship leadership for this service include Children's Choir, Kellie McInchak, director; Gayle Stevens, piano; Charlie Eidelman, organ; Hana, Leina, and Anna Kaehr, instrumentalists; and Dr. Paul Haebig, organ.

This evening's services include Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., and a Candlelight Communion Service at 11:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided at the 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. services.

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 December 25 and January 1.

* HYMN

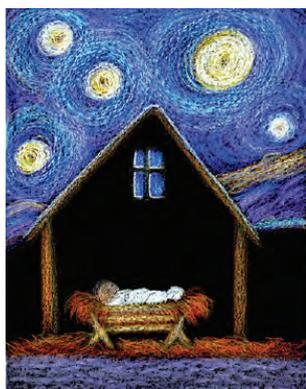
He Came Down

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.
Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

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



PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Family Speakers

Callie Feyen
Hadley Feyen
Harper Feyen
Jesse Feyen

Starbearers

Jackson Blackburn
Logan Blackburn
Adeline Carlisle
Georgia Carlisle
Elijah Cheng
George Cowen
Ethan Crawford
Micah Johnson
Joshua Lee
Claire McInchak
Felicity Millward
Pippa Musser
Mira Tayter
Norah Tayter
Ali Vercler
Jackie Vercler

Starbearer Gatherer

Elisabeth Jahnke

Shepherd Angel

Brianna McLaughlin

Shepherds

Gavin Anderson
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Greyson Peters
Gavin Phillips
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Teddy Vlasak

Angels

Kaitlyn Cheng
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Callie Crawford
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Kathleen Sienko

Joseph

Kevin Pipe

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Elizabeth Pipe

Angel Gabriel

Jack Vlasak

Baby Jesus Angel

Hadley Feyen

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