

First Presbyterian Church  
**Christmas Eve Service**

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8 pm • December 24, 2020

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Great God, as you came at night when all was still,  
so enter our lives this night.

Shine through the darkness of these days  
with the light of Christ's presence  
that we may take hope and heart,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CAROL #140**

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

*(the congregation is invited to join in singing stanzas 3 and 4)*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Rev. Brenna Dykman

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

#### ANTHEM

Unto Us Is Born a Son Piae Cantiones (1582) / arr. David Willcocks

Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal:  
see on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heaven descending low, comes on earth a stranger;  
ox and ass their owner know, becradled in the manger.

This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder,  
so he gave the word to slay, and slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild this the Christmas story;  
and O that Mary's gentle child might lead us up to glory!

O and A, and A and O, *cum cantibus in choro*,  
let our merry organ go, *benedicamus Domino*.

#### SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9

Rev. Zane Buxton

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

*(the congregation is invited to join in singing stanzas 3 through 6)*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
 he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,  
 of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
 evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:  
 heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,  
 all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,  
 evermore and evermore!

**O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,  
 by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
 and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
 evermore and evermore!**

**This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
 whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.  
 Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord,  
 evermore and evermore!**

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
 Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,  
 evermore and evermore!**

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
 hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.  
 Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
 evermore and evermore! Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

Gabriel to Mary Came 14th-century Irish carol/arr. David Willcocks

Gabriel to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling  
with his salutation glad her maiden fears dispelling,  
    'All hail, thou queen of virgins bright!  
    God, Lord of earth and heaven's height,  
thy very Son shall soon be born in pureness, the Savior of all kind.  
    Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners' healer kind.'

    'How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger?  
    How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?'  
'Power from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery.  
Then have no fear: be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity  
    in God's almighty keeping shall all unsullied be.'

Then to him the maid replied, with noble mien supernal,  
    'Lo! the humble handmaid I of God the Lord eternal!  
    With thee, bright messenger of heaven,  
    by whom this wondrous news is given,  
I well agree and long to see fulfilled thy gracious prophecy.  
    As God my Lord doth will it, so be it unto me!'

Hail! thou Mother of the Lord, who bring'st of gifts the rarest,  
    peace to angels and to all, when Christ the Lord thou barest!  
Do thou, we pray, entreat thy son for us our longed redemption  
himself to win, and from our sin release us; his succor for to give,  
    that, when we hence are taken, we too in heaven may live.

**FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

Bruce Felix

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**CAROL #115**

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 bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

## ANTHEM

## See amid the Winter's Snow

Sarah Rodgers

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime, sits among the cherubim!  
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say: What your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?  
"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing, 'Peace on Earth,' told us of the Savior's birth."  
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!  
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

— Edward Caswall, 1858

*(Madeline Ross and Leah Papay, soloists)*

## MEDITATION

Rev. Audrey Schindler

## CAROL #132

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*The Magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**No Small Wonder**

Paul Edwards

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,  
the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;  
but stable and manger for God – no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore  
the gold and the incense, the myrrh, to adore;  
but God gives his life on a cross – no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,  
the power, the glory, the light of his face;  
but all to redeem my poor heart – no small wonder!

— Paul Wigmore, 1983

**SEVENTH LESSON**

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Rev. Audrey Schindler

*John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.*

**CAROL #122**

**Silent Night, Holy Night!**

STILLE NACHT

*The Christ candle is lit.*

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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of love,  
you make this holy night radiant  
with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light.  
We welcome him as Lord, true light of the world.  
Make us people of this light,  
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.  
Bring us to eternal joy in heaven  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, forever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.

CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!*

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

PRAYER

BLESSING AND CHARGE

...be upon you and remain with you always.

Alleluia!

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

*We are so glad you joined in virtual services tonight!*

*Our usual Sunday services are at 10:30 am, and you are warmly invited to join in worship.*

*<https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/>*

## Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and  
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

## Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan  
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it  
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full  
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one  
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -  
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the  
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -  
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the  
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised  
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -  
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft  
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -  
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -  
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,  
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

## 115

## Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D)  
F

(G)  
B<sup>b</sup>

(D)  
F



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7)  
C7

(D)  
F



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G)  
B<sup>b</sup>

(D)  
F



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7)  
C7

(D)  
F

(Em)  
Gm

(A7)  
C7

(D)  
F



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

**GERMAN**

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*  
*Alles schläft, einsam wacht*  
*nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.*  
*Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,*  
*schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,*  
*schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

**KOREAN**

1 고요한밤 기록한밤  
 어둠에 묻힌밤  
 주의부모 앉아서  
 감사기도 드릴때  
 아기잘도 잔다  
 아기잘도 잔다

**SPANISH**

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*  
*Todo duerme en derredor,*  
*entre los astros que esparcen su luz,*  
*bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,*  
*brilla la estrella de paz,*  
*brilla la estrella de paz.*

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.



# Holiday Poinsettias

## *Given in Memory of:*

## *By:*

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 Vince Carpenter  
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 Ross Fogelquist  
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 Richard Lee  
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 Kathy Withycombe  
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 Jim Patterson  
 Jim Patterson  
 Kelly Farrell-Oliverson  
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 Audrey Schindler, Lynn  
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 Lynn Schindler, Audrey  
 Schindler & Bruce Felix  
 Tim & Linda Killen  
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 Chuck Shaw  
 Chuck Shaw  
 Janet & David Leatherwood  
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# Holiday Poinsettias

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A/V Technicians – Erich Merrill & Chris Nilson

Christ Candle Lighters – The Foley Family

Thanks to sexton Bill Edwards, and those helping with the service streaming tonight Erich Merrill & Chris Nilson, as well as to our musicians for their part in the celebration of Christmas Eve in this extraordinary season!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church is grateful for your support, which has helped the church to be light and hope in downtown Portland for over 165 years. In response to needs in the city around us, tonight's offerings which are not otherwise designated, will be shared equally between the church and:

**Northeast Emergency Food Program**, which meets the urgent food and clothing needs of our metro area neighbors from across the tri-county region of northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. They help those who are experiencing housing insecurity and those who are undocumented, families with children, the unemployed, people with special needs, immigrants and refugees and people experiencing crisis. FPC has a volunteer team serving regularly at this site; please contact the [church office](#) at (503) 228-7331 to come, serve with us!



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