

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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**Order of Worship** 

**Christmas Eve** 

December 24, 2024

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

### **CHRISTMAS CHIMES**

PRELUDE

"Mary's Little Boy Child" - Hairston

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE -

The Pike Family

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** "Advent Song" (verse 5) – Walker

Light the Christmas candles, now: sing of donkey, sheep, and cow; birthday candles for the King, let the allelulias ring.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

# \* CALL TO WORSHIP - (responsively)

Do not be afraid; for see —

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord *This will be a sign for you:* 

You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger

Glory to God in the highest heaven

And on earth peace to all!

Come let us adore him!

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" - #121

#### \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and ever-merciful God, we sing with joy on this holy night when we celebrate your incarnation in Jesus the Christ. You humbled yourself to live among us on earth. In the promise of this baby, we have hope and joy, that he may lead us and our world to peace, tolerance, and understanding, and above all, love for all your children.

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7

**CAROL** "What Child Is This" - #145

A SAVIOR IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Is the Gift" - Edwards Soloist - Heather Carter

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS Luke 2:8-20

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - #119

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD John 1:1-15

CAROL "Joy to the World" - #134

MEDITATION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Twas In the Moon of Wintertime" - arr. Cherwien

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Please light the candle of the person sitting next to you by turning the receiving candle to the flame to receive the light).

CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

#122

### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Angels We Have Heard on High" - Traditional

