



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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Order of Worship Christmas Eve December 24, 2025

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made!
“Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST AND ADVENT CANDLES

The Pike Family

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Advent Song” (Verse 5)

*Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep,
and cow; birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter
night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with
Christmas light.*

PRELUDE: “O Holy Night” - arr. Robertson & Winkler

Lisa Heinemeier, violin

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Rejoice, for God is with us. **In the darkness of our world shines
God’s holy light.**
There is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live. **God is truly
with us. We are not alone.**
God sent the Light as one of us, a human being, born of flesh and
blood. **Come, Lord Jesus, be with us now.**
God sent Christ, who encompasses the world and all creation in
the flesh of mortals. **Christ, who is Emmanuel, God with us.**

*** OPENING HYMN: “The First Noel” #147 (verses 1-4)**

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*O God of love, you have brought us together tonight and
blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of
Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in
apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak
to us now that we may hear the good news of your salva-
tion through word and song. Bring us into the wonder of
your presence. Fill us with your light and may we carry it
out with us into our lives. Amen.*

SERMON: “What Can I Give Him?”

*“We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of
God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere
incognito.” - C.S. Lewis, Letters to Malcolm*

HYMN: “In the Bleak Midwinter” #144 (verse 4)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent
is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming
of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the ful-
fillment of hope, the declaration that we have been re-
deemed. Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that
the world in which we live will continue to be filled with
pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will
continue to exist. We know that death and separation will
continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an
Advent people, we know that none of these things will win
in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once
again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting
and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all
things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives
and in our world, now and forever.*

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Noel” Redman, Tomlin, & Cash
Debi Godwin, Monica Russell, George Wheat

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (A great light in the darkness)

HYMN: *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* #123 (Verse 1, 3, 4)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-35, 38 (An angel appears to Mary)

HYMN: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* #119

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 (Mary gives birth in Bethlehem)

HYMN: *“Away in a Manger”* #115

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-16 (Angels announce the Messiah)

HYMN: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* #113

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY: *“Silent Night”* - Gruber & Mohr

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-5, 9-14 (And the Word became flesh)

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(The Pastor and worship leader will pass the light from the Christ candle to each row. Share the flame with the person next to you by tipping the unlighted candle to the lighted candle so that the wax doesn’t drip.)

HYMN: *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”* #122

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *“Joy to the World”* #134 (vs 1 & 4)

POSTLUDE: *“Carol of the Bells”* - Wilhousky & Leontovich