

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CELEBRATION OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



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First Presbyterian Church
A Celebration of Lessons and Carols for Christmas
December 24, 2016, 8:00 pm

David Hagen, conductor; Jan Gruhn, organ
John Cleveland, trumpet; Evan Hagen, horn
Dean Moriwaki & Shawn Campbell, trombone

Music for the Gathering of the People of God **Brass Ensemble**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* **Handbells**

✠ Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Listen. Deep in the darkest night is the sound of hope.

People: **Deep in the midst of despair is a message of new life.**

Leader: Listen. It is coming closer.

People: **A bell in the distance,**

Leader: A sound of joy,

People: **An echo of love,**

Leader: A note of promise,

People: **A melody of praise.**

Leader: Listen.

✠ Hymn: #173 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Verse 1:
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.

Verse 3:
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 4:
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,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Opening Prayer **Rev. Matthew Schultz**

The Prophecy

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 40:5, 7:14

Lighting of the Advent Candles

✠ Hymn: #135 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Verse 1:
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 ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Verse 2:
Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now they gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thing all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

At The Manger

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 15-16

Trio:

Kaylee Vardeman, soprano
Roxann Berry, flute
Paul Lindemuth, cello

“*Gesu Bambino*” / Yon

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.
Let ev’ry voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“*The First Noel*” / arr. Eithun

Handbells

Offertory Response and Dedication of Offerings

Choir

“*In the Bleak Midwinter*”/ Holst
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Our offering tonight will go to support the Gambell Presbyterian Church's building project; one of the PC(USA) churches of the Yukon Presbytery. The new building will provide worship space for the congregation, housing for the pastor, and community space for a food bank, an elder nutrition program, and other ministries as needed. More information available at: pbyukon.org.

The Wise Men

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

Choir Anthem:

“*Run to the Manger*”/ Johnson

Run, run, run to the manger,
There’s a Baby born in Bethlehem.

See amid the winter’s snow.
Baby born in Bethlehem
Born for us on earth below.
Baby born in Bethlehem.

Run, run, run to the manger,
There’s a Baby born in Bethlehem.

See the tender Lamb appears.
Baby born in Bethlehem.
Promises from eternal years.
Baby born in Bethlehem.

Oh, Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere,
Oh, go, and tell it on the mountain that there’s a
Baby born in Bethlehem.

Oh, won’t you run to the manger, come and see the Baby,
Run, run, run to the manger, come and see the Baby,
Baby born in Bethlehem.

Word of Blessing For All

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2: 29-32, Isaiah 60:1

✠ Hymn: # 146

“Joy to the World”

Verse 1:

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2:

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,

Verse 4:

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

Closing Prayer

Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ Hymn: # 164

“Silent Night”

Verse 1:

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.

Verse 2:

Silent night! Holy Night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly host sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Verse 3:

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.