

# First Presbyterian Church

“Enter silently, Pray fervently, Worship joyfully...”

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2005, 8 p.m.

**Preludes** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Treisback  
(Handbell Choir)

“O Come, Emmanuel” Cherwien  
(Natasha Wolpin, organist)

“O Holy Night” arr. Frackenpohl  
(Brass: Jim & Tom Madeja, Nick & Mark Hartman, Charles Guy)

### Chiming of the Hour

**Carol of Praise** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” 41

Vs 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!

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Vs 2 Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (**Refrain**)

Vs 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (**Refrain**)

### Lighting of Advent Wreath

**Advent Introit** “How shall I fitly meet Thee”  
(Choir & Congregation, to the tune of “O Sacred Head”)  
“How shall I fitly meet Thee, And give Thee welcome  
due? The nations long to greet Thee, And I would  
greet Thee too. O Fount of light, shine brightly Upon  
my darken’d heart, That I may serve Thee rightly, And  
know Thee as Thou art.

### Prayer

**Christmas Offering** “What Shall We Sing for the Child?”  
(Tammy Madeja, conductor/Natasha Wolpin, pianist) arr. Helvey

## Christmas Story

### Prophets Foretell The Messiah’s Birth

**Scripture:** Isaiah 52: 7-10; Isaiah 9: 6-7

**Carol:** “Come, Thou, Long-Expected Jesus” 2

Vs 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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Vs 2 Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
Bring Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

**Scripture:** Luke 1: 26-38

**Anthem:** “To a Virgin Meek and Mild” arr. Grotenhuis

### Jesus is Born

**Scripture:** Matthew 1: 18-25

**Carol:** “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” 2099 (Sing the Faith)

### Choir women sing Vs 1

“Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me cradle the child divine;  
God reward thee and all that’s thine in paradise, so prays the  
mother Mary.

### Refrain: Congregation & Choir

He came among us at Christmastime, at Christmastime, in  
Bethlehem; let us bring him from far and wide Love’s diadem:  
Jesus, Jesus, lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

### Choir men sing Vs 2

Gladly, dear one, lady mine, help I cradle this child of thine;  
God’s own light on us both shall shine in paradise, as prays the  
mother Mary. (**Refrain**)

### Congregation & Choir sing Vs 3

All shall come and bow the knee; wise and happy their souls  
shall be, loving such a divinity, as all may see in Jesus, Son of  
Mary. (**Refrain**)

**Anthem:** "As Joseph Was A-Walking" arr. Frackenpohl

**Carol:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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### Angels Tell the Shepherds of the Birth

**Scripture:** Luke 2: 8-14

**Anthem:** "Sing Gloria" Davis

**Carol:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" 23

Vs 1 "Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain:** *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Vs 2 *Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)*

Vs 3 *Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

### Shepherds Go to Worship the King

**Scripture:** Luke 2: 15-20

**Anthem:** "Poor Little Jesus" arr. Dixon

### Wise Men Follow The Star

**Scripture:** Matthew 2: 1-15

### All Sing Vs 1:

*We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.*

### Refrain: (All)

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

### Men only sing Vs 2:

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, God I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. (All on Refrain)*

### Men only sing Vs 3:

*Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising we are raising, Worshiping God Most High. (All on Refrain)*

### Men only sing Vs 4:

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breaths a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (All on Refrain)*

**Anthem** "Saw You Never in the Twilight" arr. Porter

### Mystery of the Incarnation

**Scripture:** John 1: 1-14

**Carol:** "Joy to the World!" 40

- Vs 1 "Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, (2x)  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- Vs 2 Joy to the World! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs  
employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, (2x)  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- Vs 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the  
ground; He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, (2x)  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- Vs 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, (2x)  
And wonders, wonders of His love."

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

(Holy Communion this evening is by intinction.

All are welcome to come forward and receive the elements. As  
you

approach the servers, please tear off a piece of bread, dip it in the  
cup and partake. There is no individual drinking from the cup.)

### **Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Congregation says words in bold)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of  
your name:

Please join the Choir in singing #2257-b in Sing the Faith:

"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

### **The Bread and the Cup**

**Lighting of Candles** "Wonderful Peace" Nordqvist

**Carol:** "Silent Night" 60  
(Donald Anderson, guitar)

- Vs 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.
- Vs 2 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."
- Vs 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.
- Vs 4 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.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" arr. Brunner

Rev. Dr. D. Richard Will, Pastor

Laura Toland, Organist

Joe & Connie Zelinski, Dawn Bartow, Greeters

*Please see back cover for memorial poinsettia listing!*

*Those who have given Christmas poinsettias, & those they remember, are listed below:*

**Given by:**

Barbara A. Baker, Tom Longshore,  
Zachary Samelski

Gary & Dawn Bartow  
Shirley Stowe Baylash

Helen Brouwer  
Bonnie Bruno

Bob & Betty Fraser  
Jerry & Brenda Gravander

Betty Jeffers  
Neil & Marilyn Johnson  
Cool

The Madeja Family

Julie Miller  
Richard & JoAnne Partch  
Joe & Cindy Randi

Roy & Gail Schaberg  
Carolyn Sisson & Family  
Louise Straub & Family  
Mary Theisen & Family  
Ray & Laura Toland  
Beverley Vienneau  
Alan & Roxanne Woy  
Petr & Radmila Zuman

**Given by:**

The McDonald Family

**In Memory of:**

Harry & Helen Baker,  
Will Longshore, Sr.

Our parents  
Her husband, Donald Baylash &  
Her brother, Robert Stowe

Her husband, Fred Brouwer  
Lewis Cyr, Nancy Morse,  
Jean Carter & Dick Cambridge

Our Parents  
Our Parents –  
Roscoe & Roberta Hutchinson  
and John & Frances Gravander

Her husband, son & grandson  
Our parents–Hubert & Helen

and James & Mary Johnson  
Donald Barrett, Thomas Madeja  
& Edward Scheffler

Lynn & Billie Jo Welsh

Our Parents  
Lucile Jenack &

Margaret Maybee

Our Parents  
Frank Sisson & Barbara Sisson  
Arthur Straub

Gordon C. Theisen  
Irving & Helene Seidel  
Fallen Military  
Priscilla Zipay & Marjorie Ewing  
Our daughter, Daniela

**In Honor of:**

Members of our Armed  
Services & Their Families