



First Presbyterian Church

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 - 4:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Prelude

Carol from *Four Extemporizations*

Percy Whitlock

III. Clair de Lune, from *Suite Bergamesque*

Claude Debussy, arr. Jacques Larocque

Prelude on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS, arr. Daniel Burton

Trio (performed by the young Ishmaelites)

from *L'enfance du Christ*, Op. 25

Hector Berlioz

(4:00 p.m.) Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th c. French Noël, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

(11:00 p.m.) Angels We have Heard on High

GLORIA, arr. Daniel Burton

(11:00 p.m.) Chorale Preludes on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

J.S. Bach, Wilbur Held

Prelude on SUSSEX CAROL

ar. Dale Wood, ed. Linda Wood Rollo

Greeting and Welcome

Christmas Eve Invocation

Lighting the Advent Candle

(4:00 p.m.) Lee Afdahl & Van Jacobsen, Natalie and Nola

(11:00 p.m.) Cindy Kunzman

Come, Lord Je - sus, we are wait - ing, Be our Guest this
Ad - vent day. Long - ing hearts watch ea - ger - ly
for Je - sus, who comes to dwell.

We give thanks for God's living Word, Christ Jesus.

May we spread the hospitality of our Lord with love, living in the light of hope, rejoicing in God's Spirit, making peace, and accepting God's grace wherever we are. Dwell in us, Lord, not only this day, but at all times and in every place, that your grace might be revealed continuously.

- ◆ **Carol 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful **ADESTE FIDELES**
An Angel Visits Joseph Matthew 1:18-24B
- Carol 121** O Little Town of Bethlehem **ST LOUIS**
The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7
- Carol 115** Away in the Manger **MUELLER**
Angels Visit the Shepherds Luke 2:8-14
- Carol 113** Angels We Have Heard on High **GLORIA**
(*stanzas 1 & 2 only*)
- The Shepherds Visit Jesus** Luke 2:15-20
- Carol 145** What Child is This **GREENSLEEVES**
Invitation to the Offering

Tonight's offering supports the work of our Board of Deacons.

Offertory

(4:00 p.m.)

The First Nowell English Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

Chancel Choir

(11:00 p.m.)

Carols of the Manger

arr. Dale Wood, ed. Linda Wood Rollo

◆ **Offertory Response 143**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

(*stanza 4*)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising, to the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn king!

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We give you thanks, Holy One, for the world of wonder you
have made – forest and field, sea and sky, and for the gift of
grace you have given – a little child, lying in a manger.**

**Receive gifts of tenderness and love, of gratitude and praise,
and use them for your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, the
child of Bethlehem, we pray. Amen.**

Meditation

A Christmas Lullaby
Story by Don Schomer

Rev. T.J. Parlette

A Christmas Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

(Please tip UNLIT candle toward the flame.)

Carol 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

The Grace of God Appears

Titus 3:4-7; 2:11

◆ **Carol 134**

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Lullaby for Christmas Eve: The Slumber of the Infant Jesus, Op. 3

Henri Büsser

Elinor Niemisto, harp

Donivan Hill & Brian Burkett, flute

Hymn settings included are written by Joby Bell, Michael Burkhardt, Gerre Hancock, John Rutter, and David Willcocks, and arranged and edited by John Stender.

Come, Lord Jesus, We Are Waiting (CGA-592) Text: Helen Stensrud, Music: Dorothy Christopherson.

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The staff of First Presbyterian Church wishes you the most blessed of holidays. May God be in your midst as you gather to share the joy of Christ's birth. May God's heart be in the gifts you share, and may God's protective hand of love go with you as you travel and gather with loved ones and friends.

We thank the following for contributing to the Poinsettia Fund.
Deacons delivered plants to our C.A.R.E. members earlier this month.

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