

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *Blue Christmas*

Sunday, December 22, 2024

3:00 pm

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PRELUDE *"In the Bleak Midwinter/Away in a Manger"* arr. Phil Perkins

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

READING *From "The Divine Dawning"* Jen Eisenberg

HYMN *"Comfort, Comfort You My People"* No. 3

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46:1-3, 10

CANDLE LIGHTING

SILENT PRAYER

POEM *"Walking with Grief"* Heidi Zook-Payne

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Sarabande"* J. S. Bach  
*Seth Gregory ~ Cello*

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

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CANDLE LIGHTING

SILENT PRAYER

READING            *Advent is about Being neither  
Fish nor Fowl*                                  Linda Lawrence

SPECIAL MUSIC            *“The Lord’s Prayer”*  
*Kristen McDade ~ Flute*

SCRIPTURE                  Psalm 139: 7-12

CANDLE LIGHTING

SILENT PRAYER

POEM                                  *“The Christmas Spirit”*                                  Bill Potter

HYMN                                  *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*                                  No. 2

SCRIPTURE                  John 1:1-5

CANDLE LIGHTING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                  *Meditation on “Silent Night”*                                  arr. Larry Shackley



**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE THIS AFTERNOON** to worship and mark the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into our lives. In that momentous event, God gave to us the gift of Himself, that in receiving that gift we might know what it means to be truly alive as we are meant to be. We pray you will welcome Christ into your heart and your home this season and walk with Him throughout your life.

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PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema  
FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg  
INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Walter Kondratowski  
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am**