

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Christmas Eve* • Tuesday, December 24, 2024 • 4:30pm

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born. Give him glory. Christ has come down from heaven. Receive him. O earth, sing to the Lord. O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified.

People: **Alleluia, Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

No. 41

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Glori Fulmer

*The congregation will sing the following hymns at specific points during the pageant. Please remain seated.*

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

*“Away in a Manger”*

**Isla Marsh (Solo):** Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

**All:** The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*“The First Nowell”*

**Lola Nadu (Solo):** 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.

**Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.**

**All: 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. (Refrain)**

**All: And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from  
country far; To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star  
wherever it went. (Refrain)**

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

*“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

**Fiona Lau (Solo):** 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.

**All: 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.”**

*“Joy to the World!”*

*children, please come forward and congregation please remain seated.*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing. And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

No. 29

**SENDING FORTH**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

BENEDICTION

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**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TONIGHT** to celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Jonathan Jones

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