

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

8:00 & 11:00 pm

PRELUDE *Processional on "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* Franklin Ashdown

*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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

*HYMN *"Once in Royal David's City"* No. 49
(8 PM) ~ Isla Marsh, Soloist on Stanza 1 ~
(Congregation: Please stand on the 2nd stanza)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 41

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*HYMN *"Joy to the World"* No. 40

"Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 23

ANTHEM (8 PM) *"Christmas Lullaby"* John Rutter

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a

SOLO *Bethany Bronkema*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON *"Jesus is Born"*
 Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN *"What Child Is This?"* No. 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *"The First Nowell"* No. 56
 Stanzas 1 and 6

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The ushers will pass the flame from the aisles. As the light is passed along, please hold the unlit candle to the lighted wick.)

*HYMN *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*
 *Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother & 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 your holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your 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.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Toccata on Adeste Fideles"* Paul Fey

*You are invited to stand if you are able during those places
in the worship service marked with an asterisk.**

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
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Walter Kondratowski
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski