

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, December 24, 2022 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Order of Worship

Sacred music to prepare our hearts to worship God String Quartet
We welcome the members of the String Quartet who help lead us in worship this evening: Simon Lapointe, Heejin Weisbrod, Satoko Rickenbacker, and Carter Melin.

Call to Worship Where the Promise Shines Dunstan/Moore

Where the Promise Shines

Words by SYLVIA G. DUNSTAN
Music by BOB MOORE

Congregation:

Lead us on, lead us on to a morn - ing where the
prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

(Please join choir on **refrain** and **Call To Worship**)

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to worship the newborn King.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Opening Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Anthem Before the Marvel of this Night Carl Schalk

The Christmas Eve - Prayers of the People – Followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 134 Joy to the World

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music Candlelight Carol John Rutter

The Second Lesson Luke 2:1-20

A Christmas Story

Christmas Grief

Rev. Steve Frazier

A Christmas Prayer

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Kara McCormick, Soloist

Congregation: **Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
the wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
with peace on earth, good will to men."**

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Silent Night, Holy Night

Passing of Light

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 a far, 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.

Benediction

Postlude

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Michael Broadhurst Soloist

Robert MacGimsey



Please join us for cookies immediately following the service in our courtyard.