

# Christmas Eve

## Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

### Welcome Home!

Gathering Music Bob Duda, Pianist

Welcome and Greeting Our Neighbors

Bell Call

The Bringing Of The Light Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

Call To Worship

*One:* Tonight old dreams die,  
and new dreams come to life.  
The promise is fulfilled.

*Many:* Our candles illuminate our story.  
Dawn invades the midnight.  
The Light of the World has come.

*All:* Glory to God in the highest,  
peace on Earth, goodwill to all.

Invocation

\* Hymn #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Vs. 1 & 3)  
*(We'll be singing tonight from the purple hymnal.)*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #115 "Away In A Manger" (Vs. 1 & 2)

Lighting Of The Advent Wreath *(See Insert.)*  
Emily Bolton, Christy, Nick, Rosalie & Sebastian Dekay

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

Hymn #113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"  
(Verses 1, 2 & 3)

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn #151 "We Three Kings" (Vs. 1 & 5)

Offering (For the work of the Deacons.)

Offertory

\* Doxology #113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"  
(Refrain)

Prayer Of Dedication

Scripture II Kings 8:56-60

Meditation "The Christmas Experience"  
Reverend Michael P. Catanzaro

\* Hymn #134 "Joy To The World!" (Vs. 1 & 4)

The Lighting Of The Candles

\* Candlelight Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night!"  
*(Back cover of the bulletin.)*

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

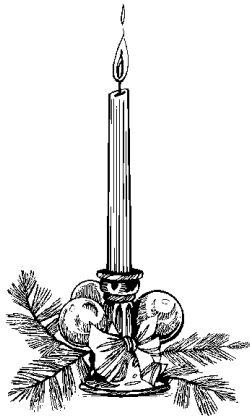


## Silent Night! Holy Night!

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.  
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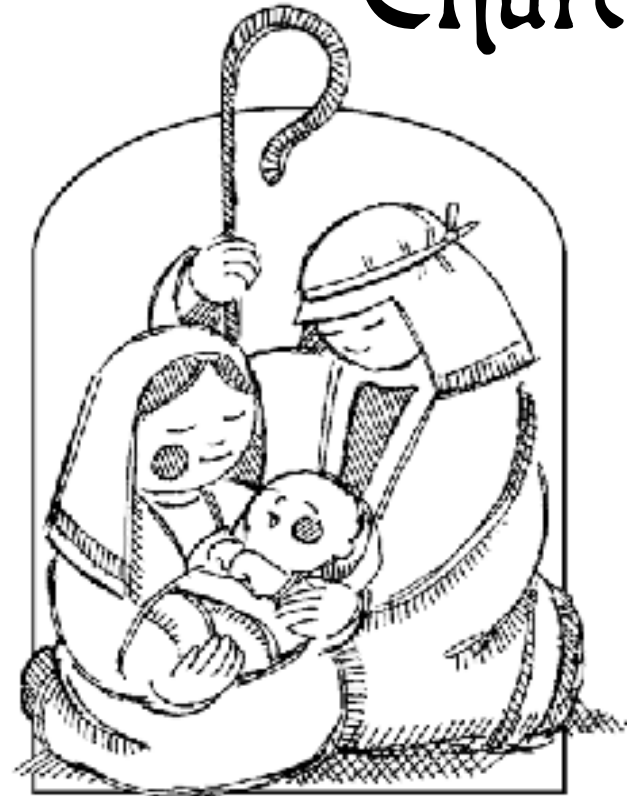
Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly host sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born,  
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Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
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# Merry Christmas

# The First Presbyterian Church



## Christmas Eve On The Park 2024

## Poinsettias Given In Loving Memory

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Arthur Christopher

by John and Mary Christopher

Loved Ones by Alice Poole

Anne S. Goetze by John A. Goetze

Mary Jo Whalen by a neighbor

Elsie Dana by Kathy Dana Gibson and Jeannie Dana Lewis

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Now, we light the Christ candle

as our redeemer draws near;

hearing the promise of such redemption

from the prophet Isaiah:

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid.

Congregation: A voice cries out:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
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