



# First Presbyterian Church

## Service Of Lessons & Carols

### Unto Us A Child Is Born

**Gathering Music** Jarrett Larson, Pianist & Music Director  
Bob Duda, Pianist & Assistant Music Director

#### Welcome & Announcements

**Introit - Congregation & Choir** "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" #141

**Call To Worship** Bob Duda (See Insert)

**Prayer of Invocation For The Indwelling Of The Spirit** Galen Pletcher

\* **Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" #133 (Vs. 1 & 3) NPH

**Advent Candle Lighting** (See Insert)  
Anna and James Eller, Alina and Walter

**Hymn** "The First Noel" #147 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Isaiah 9:2, 6; 7:14 J.J. Jockel

**Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #88 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18-23 Ellen Grayson

**Hymn** "What Child Is This" #145 (Vs. 1)

**Responsive Reading** Luke 1:40-55 (See Insert)  
Alina Kuzmicki



**Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard On High" #113 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Luke 2:1-7 Susan Akins

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

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1-2 Rob Ewy

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

**Scripture** Matthew 2:3-6, Micah 5:2 Emily Dekay

**Hymn** "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #121 (Vs. 1)

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-12 Barb Brown

**Hymn** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" #123 (Vs. 1)

**Anthem** "Come Child of Peace" Ruth Elaine Schram

**Scripture** Luke 2:13-18 Stacie Olney-LaPierre

**Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #119 (Vs. 1)

**Homily** A Meditation on Hope Michael Catanzaro

*"For to this end we toil and strive,  
because we have our hope set on the living God,  
who is the Savior of all, especially of those who believe."  
- I Timothy 4:10*

#### Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

#### Offering

**Pastoral Prayer (Creator Of the Stars) and Lord's Prayer**  
(*"Debts & Debtors"; Inside front cover of the hymnal,  
to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.*)

#### Doxology

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



\* **Benediction**                  Patience Boswell

*One:* Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light,

*Many:* And usher in the morning.

*One:* Ye Shepherds, shrink not with affright.

*Many:* But hear the angel's warning.

*One:* This child now weak in infancy,

*Many:* Our confidence and joy shall be.

*One:* The power of Satan breaking,

*Many:* Our peace eternal making.

\* **Choral & Congregational Benediction**

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing” / “Jesus The Light of The World”

Choir to sing “Hark The Herald” then Congregation sings refrain:

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.*

*Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.*

*Shine all around us by day and by night*

*Jesus, the light of the world.*

**Postlude** “Fantasia on ANTIOCH” *Jarrett Larson*

Offerings may be placed in the collection basket  
at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary.

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>

**Prayer Remembrances**

We remember in prayer Christa Lyon, Lew Shepard, Josh Holbrook and his family, Karen Parker and Bill, Mark and Nancy Brown and family, the Boswell family, Colleen Grant, Mitzi VonSchiller (friend of Beth Hayes), the Basford/Rodee family, Nick Scelzi, Rhonda Walch, Jody Upton, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

# The First Presbyterian Church

on the Park



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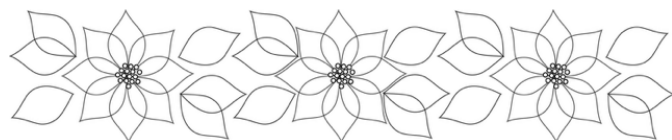
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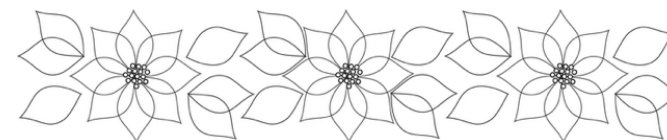
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