



First Presbyterian Church

Service Of Lessons & Carols

Unto Us A Child Is Born

Gathering Music Kathleen Crecco, Pianist & Music Director

Welcome & Announcements Patrick LaPierre, Greeting Elder

Choral Introit

Call To Worship Julie Casey
(See Insert)

Prayer of Invocation For The Indwelling Of The Spirit JJ Jockel

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

Advent Candle Lighting (See Insert)
John & Mary Christopher

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

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6; 7:14 Michele Theisen

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

Scripture Matthew 1:18-23 Ray Erickson

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

Responsive Reading Luke 1:40-55 Aubrey Boswell
(See Insert)

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

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 Duncan Melville

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

Scripture Matthew 2:1 Rosalie Dekay

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

Scripture Matthew 2:2-6, Micah 5:2 Rosalie Dekay

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

Scripture Luke 2:8-12 Nick Dekay

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

Special Music "Christmas Medley" Kathleen Crecco, Pianist

Scripture Luke 2:13-18 Mark Erickson

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

Homily "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People" Isaiah 40:1-5
Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

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)

* Please Stand, Physically or Spiritually



* **Benediction**

Pat McGuire

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 Benediction

Postlude

Kathleen Crecco

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 Judy Gibson, Bob Fraser, PFC Hunter Montgomery serving in Iraq, Bill Webb, Marilyn Coir, Alice Poole, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Bill and Karen Parker, Rich Denison, Anne Goetze, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Peggy Caswell (sister of Arvilla Aldous), Nancy and Mark Brown, Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, 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



LESSONS
& CAROLS

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One: Joseph, do not be disgraced, for he is...

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One: Church, see that your homeless neighbor is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Children of God, see your refugee neighbor is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: Servants of God, see that the person beside you is...

Many: Emmanuel, God with us.

One: God, may we welcome all as Christ in disguise, for you are...

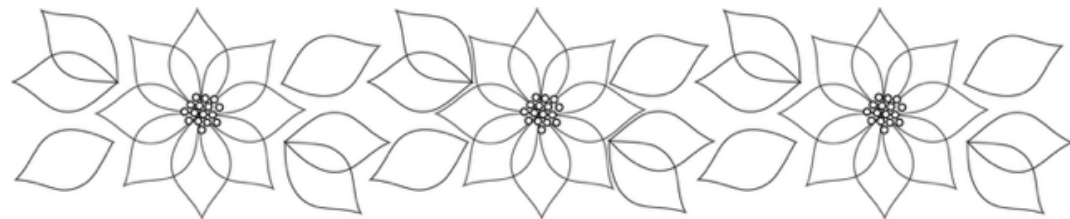
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Many: Amen.



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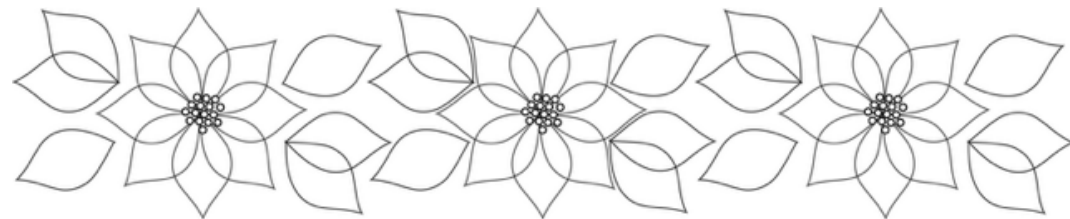
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John & Ginny Witherhead, D.J. Witherhead
Frank & Alice Van Iderstyne
by David Witherhead and the Witherhead Family
Elsie & Evan Dana by Kathy Dana Gibson & Jeannie Dana Lewis
Evelyn M. Cassara & Anastasia C. Nestor
by Richard Cassara
Ivy Boswell by Patience, Cameron & Aubry Boswell
George, Vicki, Kurt and Elsie Brown;
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