

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Fort Dodge, Iowa
Christmas Eve December 24, 2024, 4:00 pm
"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."
– Henri Nouwen

TRINITY BELLS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Amber, Breckin, Caden & Cole Gambill

Leader: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

People: Let earth receive her king!

Leader: Let every heart prepare him room!

People: And heaven and nature sing!

Leader: This Christmas Eve, we light this white candle as a visible sign that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

People: From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:
Our heavenly Father, what an indescribable gift is your Son Jesus. Through him you have given us eternal life. Tonight, with hearts full of gratitude and joy, we celebrate and give you thanks. Accept our offering of praise, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

EVENING PRAYER

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF PREPARATION "When Hope Came Down"

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7

HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(vs. 1)

SECOND LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(vs. 1, 4)

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35,38

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>
"Mary Did You Know/All Is Well"
Prayer of Dedication

FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-21

HYMN #53 "What Child Is This?"
(vs. 1, 3)

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:1-14

HYMN #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG "A Christmas Alleluia"

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS Rev. Paul Masters

*SHARING CHRIST'S LIGHT
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

*SENDING SONG "Joy to the World"

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*To help you as a visitor, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer.
We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service is streamed on a tv in the rooms.
We will not have children's church today.*

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Marlene Zech, Brent & Laurie Johnson

Communion Servers: Gregg Hora, Liddy Hora, Gene Black & Marcia Rich

Advent Candle Lighter: Amber, Breckin, Caden & Cole Gambill

Readers: Bailey Walrod, Gregg Hora, Marlene Zech & Laurie Johnson

Vocals: Bailey Eaton & Laurie Johnson

Musicians: Megan Cassady, Gregg Merritt, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Don Miller

Office Closures

The office will be closed December 25th – 27th and January 1st.

Mitten and Sock Tree

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a container under the tv in the Commons entrance for donations. Please donate by Jan. 3rd. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office.

Wednesday Programs Returning

Wednesday programs will return on January 15th.



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Director of Music, Gabriel Alves
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O - come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

What Child Is This

53

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871

Arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Em D G D Em Am B

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Em D G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

41

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
 Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

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 Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
 dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Angels We Have Heard on High 23

French carol GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain French carol
 Trans. James Chadwick (1813–1882); alt. Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech - o-ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav-en - ly song?
 Come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

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Silent Night, Holy Night 60

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 Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

STILLE NACHT Irregular

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

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 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
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Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
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1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!
2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!
3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
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