FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Christmas Eve Fort Dodge, Iowa December 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

FIRST LESSON

HYMN

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Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:26-35.38

"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

SECOND LESSON

#44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

(vs. 1, 4)

(vs. 1)

CHANCEL CHOIR INTROIT

TRINITY BELLS

"Emmanuel"

Henrietta Van Maanen

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "A Christmas Blessing"

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

THIRD LESSON

https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd

#25 "Away in a Manger"
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 HYMN #2269 "Come, Share the Lord"

#521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS Rev. Paul Masters

*SHARING CHRIST'S LIGHT

#60 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*SENDING HYMN #40 "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: Lizzie Crowley, Lilly Eastwood & Nora Eastwood

Communion Servers: Linda Whiting, Joyce Garton-Natte, Ted Hugghins,

Cathy Hugghins, Gavin Pederson & Annette Julson **Advent Candle Lighter:** Henrietta Van Maanen

Readers: Gavin Pederson, Ted Hugghins & Linda Whiting

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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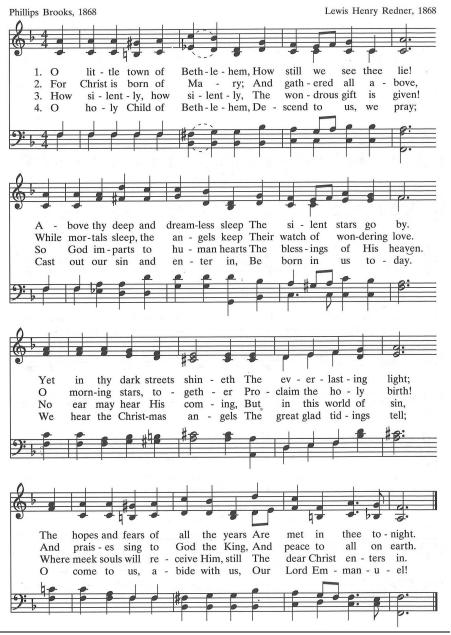




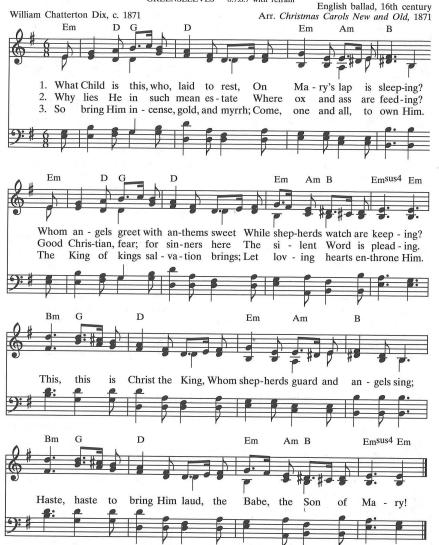


ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6





GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain



ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743) John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743) Harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841 Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come, all ve faith - ful, 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion! O come ye to Beth le - hem! come ye, be all glo Je sus, to Thee ry given; Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Born the King of be hold Him, an - gels! Come, and Word of the Fa ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing! Glo - ry in the high - est! Glo God. Him, O come, let dore come, let dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!





STILLE NACHT Irregular



- 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!
- Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

