



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service | Christmas Eve 2023

PRELUDE	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> Organ and Piano Duet	Arr. Tedd Smith
	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> Organ and Piano Duet	Arr. Tedd Smith
	<i>Still, Still, Still</i> Renaissance Ringers	Arr. Anne Krentz Organ
	<i>Joy to the World</i> Organ and Piano Duet	Arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (unison) Tara Downie

Congregation: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* CAROL #133 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles
Verses 1 and 2

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

CAROL #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol
Verse 1

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

* CAROL #145 *What Child is This* Greensleeves
Verses 1 and 2

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Es Ist Ein' Ros'
Verses 1 and 2

FOURTH LESSON

Isiah 11:6-10 & Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Tonight's loose offering will be dedicated to our FISH Program, which provides emergency utility, medical and other family services to residents of our community.

OFFERTORY

There Is a Rose
Sanctuary Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

* CAROL #134

Joy to the World
Verses 1 and 2

Antioch

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-8

CAROL #147

The First Nowell
Verse 1

The First Nowell

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

* CAROL #115

Away in a Manger

Mueller

EIGHTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

* CAROL #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Verse 1 and 3

Mendelssohn

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

DUET

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Tara Downie, soprano, and Brian Shepard, tenor

CAROL #122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht

See insert

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As the sanctuary lights are raised, please extinguish your candle.

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Arr. Tedd Smith

Prayer list

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Donna Bailey

Chris Hansen

Thelma & Julie

Wanda Terrell

Bill Baker

Debbie Jacobs

Ramsey

Bill Thomas

Louise Begley

Dave Logan

Fred & Lynn

Connie Willis

Mary Brehm

Roman Pearce

Rentschler

Family of

Mike Hamlin

Phyllis

Geneva Shea

Woody

Hansen & Hillshafer
families

Larry Price

Nancy Strait

Withrow

Danny Raleigh

Eva Straub

Joyce Zigler

Brian T.

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Our Life Together...

Leading Worship tonight: Rev. Ed McNulty, Guest Preacher; Marti Kelley, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Director/Organist/Pianist; Davis Dorrough, Organist/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Renaissance Ringers; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician.

The poinsettia in the Sanctuary was given in loving memory of **Bill and Jane Rehse** by daughters Ann Veith and Pat Kienlen.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Wiggle bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

Announcements

Monday Morning Bible Study: Due to the holidays, the next Bible Study will be on **Wednesday, January 3.** we will have Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are exploring the book "Holy Disruption, Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark" Books are available in the church office. If you have any questions, call the church office or contact Barb Nein at barbara.nein@yahoo.com.

The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Rev. Ed will be in the office on Wednesday this week, please call if you would like a visit.

On December 31, New Year's Eve, we have been invited to join the St. Luke Presbyterian Church congregation in Middletown for a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. A prelude of piano duets will begin at 10:20. You will want to come early!

The Angel Memorial Ornaments may be taken home after worship tonight.

First Presbyterian Church Weather Policy: If the Middletown City Schools are closed due to weather, the church office will be closed, and events will be cancelled. If you have an emergency while the office is closed, please contact Sandy Fisher. Email: sandy@fpcmiddletown.

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

CALENDAR

Monday	25	The office is closed.
Tuesday	26	The office is closed.
Thursday	28	6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	31	10:20 a.m. Combined Service at St. Luke

The office will be closed on Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2.