



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

December 24, 2022
3:00 and 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise



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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

Who could imagine that all the armaments of darkness would yield to a Light and a life as tiny and vulnerable as this? Christ's humble birth changes the grim trajectory of history, leading us into truth, and grace—and joy!

And so we greet you this Christmas with a prayer that the tender mercy of God will dawn upon you; that hope from on high will beam brightly before you; and that the Christ-Child will guide our feet into the way of peace.

Merry Christmas!

Pastors Clint, Kristie, Jim and the Staff at First Pres



Gathering

3:00 PM "Christmas Vamp"
Carol Medley

Jeff Carlson

5:00 PM Variations on "Adeste Fideles"

Marcel Dupré, 1929

Words of Welcome

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

God welcomes all as we come to worship! We invite you to participate wholeheartedly in worship today:

- asterisk (*) indicate when you may stand;
- bolded portions indicate when to read or sing aloud.

Introit

3:00 PM 9AM Worship Ensemble

5:00 PM Children's Choirs

3:00 PM Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherd kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. Refrain*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

5:00 PM Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual, arr. Mark Patterson

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

Go, tell it, go, tell it over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go, tell it, go, tell it, Jesus Christ is born.

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain*

Now the shepherds trembled when above the earth

the angels sang about the Saviour's birth. Refrain

Love Came Down at Christmas

Roger Copeland, arr. John F. Wilson

*Love came down at Christmas, Love, all love divine;
Love came down at Christmas, and I know, I know that love is mine.*

*Love was in a manger, in a cattle stall,
And while angels hovered, Love was born to be the King of all.*

*The shepherds heard the choir of angels,
The wise men saw a distant light;
They found the wonder they were searching for,
And worshipped Him that holy night.*

*Love came down at Christmas, Love, all love divine;
Love came down at Christmas, and I know, I know that love is mine.*

Hurry to Bethlehem!

Allen Pote, John H. Hopkins

*Refrain: Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby.
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby boy!*

*Come with me to the manger to see the infant King.
Bring your gifts on bended knee. Together let us sing!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God, in the highest!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God, in the highest!*

*Hurry, hurry, hurry, run to the stable,
quickly come run with me! Refrain*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God, in the highest!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God, in the highest!*

Lighting the Christ Candle

3:00 PM The Sweet Family

5:00 PM The McNicholas Family

Leader: As we light the Advent Wreath, we were asked to answer this question:
"My story is..."

Leader: Tonight we tell the story that we tell every year—the story of Christ's birth, the story of love made flesh. It's a story that weaves through every generation. It's a story that picks up the bits and pieces of our narrative and braids us together.

People: So tonight we light the Christ Candle, because from generation to

generation, our story belongs to God. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

***Carol NO. 133** (stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!*

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Refrain*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

Leader: We believe
that for generations
people have gathered together
on this holy night,
because there is something about this story
that speaks to the deepest parts of us.

**People: We believe in bundling up this hope,
this good news, and passing it on—
to our children, to our neighbors, to the world around us.**

Leader: We believe our voices can make a difference,
just like we believe this story can make a difference,
so we will not stay quiet.

**People: We will tell this story—of a love that makes room for all.
We will sing this story—of a love that knows our name.
We will live this story—because love has come again.**

Leader: We believe that words have power

People: And we will not stay quiet!
Amen.

***Carol NO. 132** (stanza 1)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

TUNE: IN DULCI JUBILO

***Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!***

Poetic Reading of John 1: 1–5

Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Rev. Jim Cochrane

Carol NO. 108 (stanza 1)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

TUNE: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

***Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore! Amen.***

The Christmas Story *(From Luke, Matthew, and Isaiah)*

Rev. Deborah C. Roberts

***Carol NO. 119** *(stanzas 1 and 3)*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

***Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"***

***Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"***

Reflection

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

"The Holy Family"

*We invite you to come forward with your gold ribbon and weave it into the tapestry
as a symbol of God's presence in your life through the generations.*

***A Medley of Carols**

Away in a Manger NO. 115 (stanzas 1 and 3)

TUNE: MUELLER

***Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.***

O Little Town of Bethlehem NO. 121 (stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

TUNE: ST. LOUIS

***O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.***

***How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.***

***O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;***

***O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!***

The First Nowell NO. 147 (stanzas 1 and 2)

TUNE: THE FIRST NOWELL

***The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

***They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

The People's Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (unison) Rev. Jim Cochrane

**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.**

A Christmas Offering

Lake County PADS
Save the Children: Ukraine Relief



Christmas offering envelopes are available in your pew - or you may scan the QR code to the left to give online. You have the option to give to the Christmas Offering, as well as fulfill your 2022 pledge or make a 2023 pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

3:00 PM Nathan Fivecoate and Renee Borkowski
5:00 PM Susan Noble

3:00 PM In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Amanda Sage & Gregory Fincham, 2020

* PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT.

***Closing Prayer** *(unison)*

Great God, as you came at night when all is still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way, the truth, and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Sharing the Light of Christ**

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

Worship leaders will light the first candle in each pew.

Please share the light by tipping your unlit candle into the flame of your neighbor's candle.

***Carol NO. 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

TUNE: STILLE NACHT

***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!"***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.***

*A Christmas Benediction

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Carol NO. 134 (stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

Joy to the World

TUNE: ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love.*

*Postlude

3:00 PM Cantique de Noël

Adolphe Adam, 1847

5:00 PM God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. John Rutter

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the church have been given...*

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