

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

December 24, 2020 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Isaiah writes, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
***Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.***”

We light four candles—hope, peace, joy, and love—and in the center is the light of the world.  
***The waiting is over; the Christ child is born! Let heaven and nature sing!***

**Hymn**                      *Joy to the World*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, 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,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, 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,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have neither welcomed the light nor trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, we pray. Renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.***

**The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

***The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.***

And also with you.

***Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.***

**Sung Response**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**Scripture Reading**    Luke 2:1-20

**Meditation**

**Musical Reflection**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Creator God, we give you thanks and praise ... therefore we rejoice as we praise you:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

As you spoke long ago to our ancestors ... all glory belongs to you, O God, full of grace and truth.

***Amen.***

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

### Sharing of the Elements

### Prayer after Communion

***God of grace, as you have shared your life with us in this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.***

### Carol

#### *Silent Night*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother a 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.*

### Charge and Blessing

### Postlude