

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

December 24, 2022 • *Christmas Eve*

**Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

We have watched; we have waited in hope.

For peace.

In joy!

With love.

Now the Light of the World is here.

***For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Glory to God in the highest!

Alleluia! Let us worship Christ the newborn King!

Time with Children

***Hymn 113**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***Litany of Adoration**

Gracious God, on this night of expectant wonder we travel again the path to Bethlehem to adore the gift of your Son—holy child and promised Savior.

We join the angels in praising you with joyful song.

We marvel with the shepherds at this wondrous thing that has come to pass.

***We stand in awe of the depth of your love for this world
and all who dwell in it.***

Let your light shine in our darkness and illumine our way.

Let your peace take root within us and among us.

The peace of the Christ child be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** (*hymn 134, verse 1*)

***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.***

Anthem

Candlelight Carol

Rutter

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Meditation

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great 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.

Lord, we greet you this happy night ...

the company of heaven who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Holy God, we give you thanks that in the fullness of time ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

And so, O God, come among us tonight ...

all glory is yours, Triune God, now and forever.

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

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we have heard your glad tidings of great joy. At this table we have tasted the goodness of your love. Now send us out to bear witness to your presence; in the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.

Hymn 122

Silent Night

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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The flowers today are given by Susan Sharp and Richard Ward to the glory of God.

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Announcements

—Thank you to our worship leaders this evening: Bert Everitt, liturgist; Camille Graves and Selma Lavender, candle lighters.

—**Please note:** Tomorrow morning’s (Christmas Day) worship service will be online only. We will be joining other congregations within the Presbytery of East Tennessee (PET) and beyond in making use of the worship service that was pre-recorded by PET folks for Christmas Day. Wendy Neff is the preacher; Sharon is one of the musicians.

—The church office will be closed on Dec. 26.

—Final contributions for 2022 must be received by Dec. 31. If you mail in your contributions, please allow plenty of time to account for any holiday-related postal delays. If you contribute online, also allow several days for the transaction to work its way through the system before the end of the year. In addition, if you send in a contribution early for 2023 in order to deduct it from this year’s taxes, please note “2023 contribution” on the memo line. Thank you for your faithful giving!

—Jan. 1: New Year’s Day worship service will include the Sacrament of Communion, as well as the distribution of star words for the new year. After worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a toast to 2023. You are most welcome to wear your PJs!

—Church Life and Witness team will meet on Jan. 8 instead of on Jan. 1.

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