

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Oak Ridge, Tennessee**  
**A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**December 31, 2023 • First Sunday after Christmas**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

***Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!***

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

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

**\*Hymn 134**

*Joy to the World*

**A Christmas Story**

**Music**

*I Wonder as I Wander*

*(Traditional Appalachian carol, collected by John Jacob Niles, 1934)*

**A Christmas Story**

**\*Hymn 136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**A Christmas Story**

**Music**

*Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

**Call to Prayer** *(hymn 115, verse 3)*

***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.***

**Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer** *(ecumenical)*

***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.***

**\*Hymn 127**

*Jesus the Light of the World*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

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*The poinsettias for the season have been given in part by Ann Frome,  
who wishes to dedicate them to the glory of God  
and in memory of Edward Lee Frome.*

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## Announcements

### ***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!***

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.  
We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us.  
If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk!  
Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.*

—Thank you to our worship leaders today: Herb Krause, liturgist; Gene Ice, Margaret Ann King, and Lee Morris, storytellers; and John Purifoy (piano) and Steve Boyce (vocal), guest musicians.

—Join us in the fellowship hall after worship this morning for a toast to 2024.

—The church office will be closed tomorrow.

—The 2024 flower calendar is now available. Cost is \$35, made payable to First Presbyterian Church. You can add your name to the calendar on the fellowship hall door or call the church office (483-1318) to reserve a Sunday.

—You are invited to host our fellowship time after worship. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Jan. 7: Epiphany Sunday—Communion and star words

Jan. 28: Annual meeting of the congregation

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