

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2023 5:00 pm First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 5:00 Family Service

"This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." (1 John 4:10)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #40: "*Joy to the World"*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

Lighting the Christ Candle

Second Reading: Micah 5:2–5 #2: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Third Reading: Luke 1:26–38 Solo: "Mary, Did you Know"

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1–7 #25: "Away in a Manger"

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8–20 #31: "*Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* (verses 1, 3)

Christmas Meditation

"And He Will Be Called . . . "

Offering: Giving Our Gifts to God

Christmas Is Jesus' Birthday!

"Bethlehemian Rhapsody" (Video) "Happy Birthday"

Lighting of the Candles: Sharing the Light of Christ #60: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (verses 1-3)

During the third verse of "Silent Night" we will all follow the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary. Please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets as you leave.

Postlude

A Note on Candle Lighting

To prevent hot wax spills, *lit* candles should be kept *vertical*; the person lighting a candle should tip their candle to the lit one.

Participants

Pastor	Chuck Guth
Soloist and Song Leader	Kasie Caskey
Pianist	Ann Kiliz
Violinist	Leslie O'Brien
Cellist	John O'Brien
Greeters	Pat and Cindy Castle
Readers	Carrie Joy Warren, Barb Caskey
Candle Lighters	William Sharpe, Alyssa Caskey

Bethlehemian Rhapsody was produced by Green Point Baptist Church, Green Point, Australia.

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