



*Christmas Eve*  
at First Presbyterian Church

**December 24, 2023 10:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen  
420 N. Broadway, Aberdeen, WA 98520  
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# *Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols*

## *10:00 Candlelight 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**

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### **Opening Hymn #41: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

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!

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

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]*

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (From Darkness to Light)**

*Lighting the Christ Candle*

**#2:** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5 (The Messiah Will Come from Bethlehem)**

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**#40:** *"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 world, the Savior reigns:  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

**Third Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (An Angel Comes to Mary)**

Choir: *"Mary, Mary"*

**Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7 (The Birth of Jesus)**

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**#44: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1, 3-4)**

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!

**Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20 (The Angels and Shepherds)**

Duet: *"O Holy Night"*

**Christmas Meditation**  
*"And He Will Be Called . . ."*

**Offering:**  
*Giving Our Gifts to God*

**Lighting of the Candles: Sharing the Light of Christ**

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**#60:** *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

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

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!

## **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**

<i><b>Pastor</b></i>	<i>Chuck Guth</i>
<i><b>Pianist</b></i>	<i>Ann Kiliz</i>
<i><b>Violinist</b></i>	<i>Leslie O'Brien</i>
<i><b>Cellist</b></i>	<i>John O'Brien</i>
<i><b>Song Leader</b></i>	<i>Judy Light</i>
<i><b>Choir Director</b></i>	<i>Patty Sundstrom</i>
<i><b>Duet</b></i>	<i>Patty Sundstrom, Bob Sundstrom</i>
<i><b>Greeters</b></i>	<i>Margo Hood, Thirza Krohn</i>
<i><b>Readers</b></i>	<i>Deb Debeauchamp, Dorothy Crow, Darby Cavin, Patti Smith, Carrie Joy Warren</i>
<i><b>Candle Lighters</b></i>	<i>Hilary Guth, William Sharpe</i>

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