



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
10:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

100 East Adams Avenue

Kirkwood, MO 63122

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** indicates please rise in body or spirit*

We Gather to Worship God

String Prelude

Rosewood Ensemble

Chiming of the Hour

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

Welcome

Choral Introit

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God’s love a-right she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship

God of light and love, we gather in this sacred space, drawn by your Spirit and united in your grace. You have called us from many places, to bring our hearts, our hopes, and our lives before you. Let your light shine through us, that we may reflect your hope and peace to the world. Amen.

*Processional Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"



O come, all ye faithful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
God of God, Light of Light,
Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;
come ye, O come ye to Beth - - - le - hem;
Lo! he ab - hors, not the Vir - - - gin's womb;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be glo - - - ry giv'n!
Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:
Ver - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Telling the Story: Lessons and Carols

Lesson One

"The Peaceful Kingdom: A Branch from Jesse"

Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-10

Mark Robinson

Carol

"Once in Royal David's City"

Hymn No. 140

Lesson Two

"The Annunciation: Gabriel's Message to Mary"

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Sara Butler

Anthem**“Gabriel’s Message”****Stephen Paulus**

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame. “All hail!” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady.” Gloria! “For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee. Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold. Most highly favored lady.” Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said, “My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy name.” Most highly favored lady, Gloria! Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born, in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, “Most highly favored lady, Gloria!”

Lesson Three**"The Birth of Jesus: A Humble Arrival"****Luke 2: 1, 3-7**

Paul Kukie

Carol**“In the Bleak Midwinter”****Hymn No. 144****Lesson Four****"The Shepherds' Joy: Glory in the Fields"****Luke 2: 8-16**

Lois Creamer

Anthem**“I Wonder as I Wander”****Barlow Bradford**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die, for poor on’ry people like you and like I ... I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus ‘twas in a cow’s stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God’s angels in heaven for to sing, He surely could have it, ‘cause He was the King.

Sermon*The Door to Christmas*

Rev’d. Gary Noonan, Senior Pastor

Carol*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”****Hymn No. 119*****We Respond to God's Word*****Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer****The Lord's Prayer (Unison)****Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.****Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.****Give us this day our daily bread;****and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;****and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.****For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.****Amen.****Offertory Sentences**

Offertory Anthem

“O Holy Night“

arr. John Rutter

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night, when Christ was born! Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger. Behold, your King! Before Him lowly bend. Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His Gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy Name! Christ is the Lord, then ever praise we! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Carrying God’s Word Into the World

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing the Light of Christ

***Carol**

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

Hymn No. 122

*** Benediction**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leaders of Worship: Rev’d. Gary Noonan, Senior Pastor
Rev. Linda Maconochie, Interim Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Kevin Chunko, Music Associate; Chancel Choir; Carol Lebovic and Maggie Mueller, violin; Mitchell Stumpf, viola; Jake Brookman, cello; Mark Pye, oboe; Ann Dolan, flute; Nancy Schick, horn; Spencer Dunlap, trumpet

Acolyte: Dagny Dunaway
Cross Bearer: George Dunaway

Ushers: Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Wayne Ullery
Assistant Head Amy Freshwater, Larry Erwin, Bob Schneider

Ushers:
Head Usher: Art McDonnell

Live Stream Host: Gary Hepp

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One service of Scriptures and Carols Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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