

Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service of Lessons and Carols. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00AM and worship at 10:15AM.

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

**Who We Are**

*"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19*

*First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father's love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.*

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# Poinsettias



The Memorial Committee thanks the following people who have generously given poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during this Advent season.

**Name:**

John & Jeannie Armstrong

Annette Boelk & Family

Boelk, Prine, and  
Wildermuth Families

John & Jamie Dillman

Mike & Sherry Heer

Tom & Joanne Jack

Stephen Longfield

Scott & Beth McCaw

Tim & Victoria Slemmons

Mark & Deb Stant

Mike & Lynn Sutter

Mark & Annalee Ward

**Name:**

John & Jamie Dillman

Bradley & Linda Longfield

Stephen Longfield

Scott & Beth McCaw

Mark & Annalee Ward

**In Memory of:**

Charles & Fern Armstrong

Our parents & grandparents,  
Ruth Theisen & Duane Theisen

Ken & Viola Boelk

Our loving parents,  
Jack & Janet Dillman  
Nancy Strand

Bob & Doris Walske  
Jim & Charlotte Heer

Leroy Vogt

My grandfather, Robert Whitford

Our parent with thanksgiving,  
Lowell

Tim's parents,  
Robert & Dorothy Slemmons

Deb's mom, Caryl  
and sister, Lisa

Ginger Lee  
Don Sutter

Fred & Martha Van Heukelem

**In Honor of:**

Our children,  
Julie, Robbie, Jon, Brennan, Paige,  
Micah, & Jack

Ginger Vander Broek  
Our children

My nephew, Oliver O'Donnell  
My mom, Linda Longfield

Our parents with thanksgiving,  
Ginny, Bob & Barbara

Dean & Betty Ward

*You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after worship on Dec. 30.*

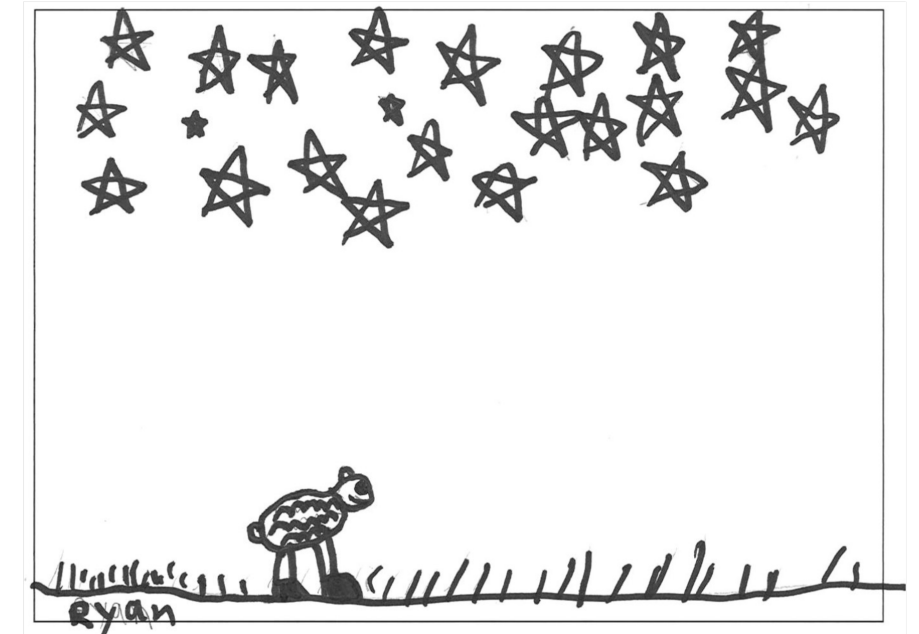
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

### A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

7:00 PM



**Gathering**

**Prelude**

"Carol of the Bells"

arr. Hayes

**For Silent Prayer and Reflection:** Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may kneel in worship of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Adult Sunday School participants

**Call to Worship**

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Opening Prayer

**\*Gathering Carol**  
Hymn #183                      “Once in Royal David’s City”                      *Irby*

***Prophecies from Isaiah***

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7                      *Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold*                      Hunter Brehm

**Carol** #154                      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”                      *Veni Emmanuel*

Isaiah 11:1-9                      *The peace that Christ will bring us is foreshown*                      Lupe Morales

**Carol** #191                      “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”                      *Carol*

***The Angel Gabriel visits Mary***

Luke 1:26-38                      *Mary is visited by the Angel Gabriel*                      Carlie Boelk

**\*Carol** #169                      “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”                      *Gabriel’s Message*

***The Birth of Jesus***

Luke 2:1-7                      *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem*                      Bobby McCaw

**Carol** #180                      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”                      *St. Louis*

**The Angels**

Luke 2:8-14                      *The angels proclaim the birth of a Savior*                      Amanda Eby

**\* Carol** #185                      “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”                      *Mendelssohn*

**The Shepherds**

Luke 2:15-20                      *The shepherds hear the joyful news*                      Eva McCaw

**Carol** #218                      “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”                      *Go, Tell It*

**We Bring Our Gifts**

*Offering*  
*Offertory*                      “O Holy Night”                      *arr. Hayes*  
**\*Doxology** (*Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*)  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***\*Prayer of Dedication***

**The Mystery of the Incarnation**

John 1:1-14                      *John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation*                      Sam Morales

**We Share the Light of Christ**

*Please light your candle by holding the unlighted candle over the lighted candle.*  
*During the singing of “Silent Night” we will raise and lower candles. Follow the lead of the pastor. Extinguish your candle at the end of the carol.*

**\*Carol** #186                      “Silent Night! Holy Night!”                      *Stille Nacht*

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.

**\*Benediction**                      Bradley Longfield

**\*Postlude**                      “I Saw Three Ships”                      *arr. Hayes*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

***Leaders in Worship:***

Adult Sunday School participants, *Advent Candle Lighters*  
Anthony & Zachary Alba, *Candle Lighting Ushers*

***Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church***

Terri Gronau, *greeter*  
The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church, *Offering*  
The Longfields and Daniels, *Fellowship Hosts*



**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

TRANSITION NEWS: We welcome the Reverend John Armstrong as part-time pastor for congregational care. John, a recently retired Presbyterian minister, will be available for pastoral emergencies, visitation, and funerals. John and Jeannie attended FPC while John was in seminary at UDTs. They recently returned to Dubuque to be nearer family and for Jeannie to begin her work at Hills and Dales as Assistant Health Services Director. Welcome back to FPC, John and Jeannie.

THE JOY OFFERING will be collected this evening. It benefits Presbyterian racial-ethnic schools and helps provide critical income supplements for retired ministers facing unexpected medical costs. You’ll find envelopes in the pews. Please give generously.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS generously donated in memory or in honor of others (see list on the back). They can be taken home after worship on Dec. 30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will NOT meet on December 30. We will resume classes on January 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from Dec. 25-January 2. For pastoral emergencies please contact the Rev. John Armstrong, part-time pastor for congregational care at 605-354-3892 (john1rev@gmail.com).

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS may be emailed to Linda Longfield, part-time church administrator at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:**

Dec. 30 - Dan Emmert  
Jan. 6 - Beth McCaw  
Jan. 13 - Marsha Wilfong

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed in the new year. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to serve.