

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon!

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Additional information about First Pres is available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) and at firstpresah.org. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresah), and Twitter, at [@FirstPresAH](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH). We look forward to connecting with you again.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording this worship service.

CHILD CARE

On this Holy Night, all infants, children, and adults are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship. The wonder of the birth of Jesus Christ is something for all to experience. No child care is offered during this service.

Child care is available on Sunday mornings (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am). On Sunday mornings we encourage 3- and 4-year-olds to participate in Preschool Sunday School, offered from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. Children's and youth education, as well as adult classes, take place from 10:30 to 11:30 am. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print hymnals and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

DECEMBER 30, 2018 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am — Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 am — *finding grace* worship in the Chapel

10:30 am — Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

LEARN MORE

If you are thinking about joining the congregation of First Presbyterian and would like to learn more about the church, contact Pastor TC Anderson at 847-255-5900 or tcanderson@firstpresah.org.

Worship Participants

Sheep

Lily Hendrickson
Everett Landwehr
James Landwehr
Elise Lindstrom
Jayne Martinka
Mary Martinka
James White

Angels

Mikayla Carlson
Jackson Gutzmer
Andrew Haines
Nolan Halley
Lucas Lang
Abby Lindstrom
Henry Lopuszynski
Veronica Pardun
Rilla Puckett

Shepherds

Laina Halley
Susannah Landwehr
Elijah Lang
Ben Nowak
Cleo Puckett
Gabe Taylor

Magi

Charlotte Landwehr
Colin Falls

Mary

Maryn Russell

Joseph

Evan Doering

Starbearer

Nora Doering

Liturgists

Sam Cerniglia
Evan Doering
William Haines
Leigh Levinsky
Kate Nowak
Nathaniel Russell
Nora Taylor

Ushers

The Cerniglia Family
The Childs Family
The Doering Family
The Lopuszynski Family
The Russell Family

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP CHILDREN'S PAGEANT A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 2018
4:00 PM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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As we gather to worship on this holy night, O God, brighten our hearts with the message of your love, even as the angels filled the skies with the glory of your lasting gift for the world in the birth of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Chris Urban

WELCOME Katy Allen

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Kate Nowak

One: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

All: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

One: Our souls sing out God’s praise.

All: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

One: Tonight, the Light of God’s Love is given to us!

All: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.

✠HYMN 133 (vv. 1, 3, 4) “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *Adeste Fideles*

FIRST LESSON Evan Doering

Isaiah 9:2-7 *A Prophet Speaks Words of Promise*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES William Haines & Nate Russell

The prophet Isaiah wrote of a time of darkness and promised that the people who walked in this darkness would see a great light. We light the candle of hope.

Matthew wrote of the Magi who followed the light of the glorious star in the east that led them to the promised King. We light the candle of peace.

Luke wrote of the night when the sky lit up with an army of angels to shout the news that the promised Messiah had been born. We light the candle of joy.

John declared that this great light is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We light the candle of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION Kate Nowak

God came to us an infant, surprising the wise and encouraging the faithful.

God came to know us, live as us, teach us, heal us, and save us. Knowing

that we have fallen short of what God hopes for us, and who God calls us to

be, let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sam Cerniglia

O God, our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace: in the stillness of this night, help us to draw nearer to you and to each other. Forgive us for turning from you. Forgive us for not loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us when we say mean things. Forgive us when we leave a kind

deed undone. In the quiet of this Christmas Eve, give us ears to hear your

message of love. Give us eyes to see where we can share your light with

others. Give us hearts and hands to bring peace into our world. We pray

this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Sam Cerniglia

On this holy night, we gather as strangers and friends, as the faithful and the wondering. We come to seek the light, the hope, the Good News of Christ’s birth. So hear the Good News on this Holy night: God so loved the world that God sent his only son to save the world. In this we find hope, we find grace, we find love, we find God! Let us rejoice!

✠HYMN 583 “Glory to God” *Gloria*

*“Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!”*

✠PASSING THE PEACE Sam Cerniglia

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING GOD’S WORD:

WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THROUGH STORY

SECOND LESSON Kate Nowak

Isaiah 11:1-6 *The Peace Christ Will Bring Is Foretold*

HYMN 119 (vv. 1, 3) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Mendelssohn*

THIRD LESSON Nora Taylor

Luke 1:26-32 *Mary Finds Favor With God*

HYMN 145 (vv. 1, 3) “What Child Is This” *Greensleeves*

FOURTH LESSON Leigh Levinsky

Luke 2:1-7 *Christ Is Born*

HYMN 115 “Away in a Manger” *Mueller*

FIFTH LESSON Nate Russell

Luke 2:8-14 *Shepherds Hear the Good News*

HYMN 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Go Tell It*

SIXTH LESSON William Haines

Luke 2:15-18 *The Shepherds Go to See the Child*

HYMN 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Gloria*

SEVENTH LESSON Leigh Levinsky & Nora Taylor

Matthew 2:1-11 (portions) *A Star Shines in the East*

HYMN 147 (vv. 1, 3, 5) “The First Nowell” *The First Nowell*

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY “Holy Manger” *arr. John Horman*

First Pres Children’s Choir

Nick Pulikowski, director; Carol Frieburg, piano

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Alex Lang

One: The prophet declared, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:

All: Those who dwelled in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”

One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world;

All: whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

One: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world; let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.”

(To avoid dripping wax on clothes or furniture, please remember to keep your lighted candle upright at all times. Dip your unlit candle to your neighbor’s lit candle. All children are invited to come forward at this time to sing “Silent Night.” They will remain up front through the Benediction.)

✠HYMN 122 “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.

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.

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✠HYMN 134 (vv. 1, 2, 4) “Joy to the World” *Antioch*

Children will return to their seats during hymn.

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘Adeste Fideles’ ” *Richard Purvis*

✠Please stand as you are able.