

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

December 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe!
We are glad you chose to worship with us on this Holy Night. Worship is at the center of what we do and who we are in Christ. Our church is especially active in mission and outreach programs that serve the needy of our community. We provide child care during Sunday worship and offer Christian education opportunities for all ages. If you would like to know more about us and the programs we offer, please visit our website at www.monroefirst.org and find us on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Joy Offering

Tonight's Christmas Joy Offering is one of four offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers, missionaries and their families.
Thank you for your generosity!

Brass Quartet: Jonathan Chaif and Joon Park- Trumpets
Zongxi Li and Michael Pashenee- Trombones
Soloist: Zach Everly
Ushers: Danny and Janet Spence; Bill Barnes

PRELUDE Music for Brasses

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL ★140 "Once in Royal David's City"
Verse one sung as a solo

COLLECT
Sing to the Lord a new song:
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations.
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.
Let the sea roar, all that fills it;
God is coming indeed
To judge the earth with righteousness,
And the peoples with equality and truth.
Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM "Once as I Remember" Charles Wood

FIRST LESSON — Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Ann Lux
Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

CAROL ★121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SECOND LESSON — Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 John Chesman
The people that walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

ANTHEM "Nativity Carol" John Rutter

THIRD LESSON — Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Janet Spence
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

CAROL ★129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

FOURTH LESSON — Luke 1:26-35, 38 Greg Hunter
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

ANTHEM "The Angel Gabriel" Lisa Stafford

FIFTH LESSON — Luke 2:1-7 Logan Skidmore
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child

ANTHEM "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" David Willcocks

CAROL ★115 "Away in a Manger"

SIXTH LESSON — Luke 2:8-16 Shannon Costello
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

*CAROL ★113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Shepherds' Pipe Carol" John Rutter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER
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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

*SEVENTH LESSON — John 1:1-14 Annemarie Kidder
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us

*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CAROL ★122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"
(See lyrics in back of bulletin)

POSTLUDE Music for Brasses

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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.

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Christmas Poinsettias

(Please feel free to take your plant home after the 10:00 p.m.
Worship Service tonight)

In Loving Memory Of

Presented by:

Dan and Pat Batista
Bob and Nancy Douglas
Mike and Wendy Gaynier
Jim and Sue Heisler
Lonnie Peppler-Moyer
Ron and Ruby Pope

Mark Baker
Barbara Pillarelli

Dale and Mary DeSloover

George and Alice Kostoff

Arlene Turnbull
Winnie Findley

Frank and Wilma Taylor
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Our friend, Sheri Russo
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes
Mr. and Mrs. William Pope
Peggy Baker
Anthony Pillarelli
Seth and Dorothy Oliver
Elizabeth Maveal
Cyril DeSloover
George and Jean Kostoff
Vernon and Harriett Dahl
Howard Turnbull
Rev. William H. Findley

In Honor Of

Presented by:

Kate and Jonathan McCoppin
Elinor Upjohn
Alan and Helyn Schroeder

Anonymous

Fay McCoppin
Jim Upjohn
Alan Schroeder’s family
Helyn Schroeder’s family
Susan Barker
Charlotte Frary

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Sunday, December 24, 2017
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