



## ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

*December 24, 2022*

*11 pm*

*First Presbyterian Church*



***The One who came, in a manger laid,  
came for us the way to pave  
that we'd be born again by grace  
and one day see Him face to face.***

*Mary Kay Glunt 2015*

***O Come Let Us Adore Him  
Christ the Lord!***

# **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols**

**Bold items signify  
congregational participation**

*Readings from the New International Readers Version (NIRV)*

❖ Please stand if you are able

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*Pastor*

*Minute for Mission*

*Sharon Zunic*

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**                      *Mike Moravec and Fred Exley*  
*Music and Bells: Jessica Phillabaum and Mary Kay Glunt*

*CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION—The Light of Christ*

*Leader: For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.*

***People: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting hope.***

*Leader: For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.*

***People: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.***

*Leader: For those living in hopelessness and despair,  
a new light has dawned.*

***People: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.***

*Leader: For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.*

***People: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.***

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

*Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The candles of hope, peace, love, and joy all remind us that Christ is our light and the source of eternal hope, everlasting peace, boundless love, and endless joy. The Christ candle reminds us that God's perfect gift was sent to us that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Joy to the world, and peace on earth. Let us worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*OPENING PRAYER*

*Gracious God, tonight as we gather together to conclude our Advent journey, we celebrate that a new light has dawned. A child is born, and that child is our light and the source of our joy. He brings hope into the world, and the promise of peace on earth. He is love incarnate, love divine, and we thank you, dear Lord, for this, the most perfect gift imaginable. Joy to the world! Christ is born! Amen.*

<b>❖Hymn:</b>	<b>O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1, 2)</b>	<b>Blue 41</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<i>The Prophecy of the Messiah Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:1-2, 4-5</i>	Sharon Zunic
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)</b>	<b>Blue 9</b>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<i>Jesus' Coming Announced to Mary Luke 1:26-38</i>	Jessica Phillabaum
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<i>Jesus' Coming Announced to Joseph Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Fred Exley
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>To a Maid Engaged to Joseph (verses 1,4,6)</b>	<b>Blue 19</b>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	<i>Preparations for the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-5</i>	Bobbi Jo Huebner
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1, 4)</b>	<b>Blue 44</b>
<b>Lesson 5</b>	<i>Jesus is Born Luke 2:6-7</i>	Kate Kapolka
<b>Poem</b>	<i>"Safely Delivered"</i> © Jeremy Williams/engageworship.org	B. J. Thomas
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>"What Child Is This"</i> Bobbi Jo Huebner, Mary Kay Glunt	



### ***Assurance of Pardon***

*The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sin.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

### ***FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE***

*Pastor: On this silent night, God is with you!*

***People: God is also with you.***

*Pastor: On this holy night, God's Grace comes to us.*

***People: Our hearts rejoice in his becoming one of us,  
that we might become one with God.***

*Pastor: On this night of nights, the shadows of the world  
melt away before God's Light.*

***People: We join the choirs of angels in singing to the  
universe the good news of the birth of Jesus.***

*Pastor: This is the night . . . the good news which is ours:*

***ALL: Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis deo!  
Creation joins in the angelic chorus of joy.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One born for us this night.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

*Pastor: Holiness is who you are, God of Christmas, . . . mystery we call faith:*

***ALL: Born in the shadows of night, Christ is our light;  
dying on a rough cross, Christ is our life;  
rising from a cold tomb, Christ is our hope;  
returning to us once more,  
Christ is your promise.***

*Pastor: Pour out your Spirit upon us, . . . our blessed Savior. Amen.*

### ***Words of Institution***

### ***Sharing the Feast***





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a new year filled with the knowledge of the Lord!***

**ONLINE GIVING CHURCH:** You may make online donations with the GivePlus website and mobile app. Go to our website at [www.fpresbv.org](http://www.fpresbv.org) and check it out!

**WORSHIP ONLINE:** Our worship streams live on Facebook.com/FirstPresBV and on YouTube.com, First Presbyterian Belle Vernon.

**OFFERINGS:** The offering plates are located at the front on the windowsills. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries and the outreach of FPC.

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP:** Join us Christmas morning at 10 am as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE POTLUCK:** Join us on New Year's Eve at 5 pm and bring your favorite covered dish and beverage, and we will provide lemonade, coffee, tea, and water. We'll enjoy great food, games, and fellowship. Bring a friend or two! Please let B.J. Thomas know if you will attend so we can plan for the activities.



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