

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

7:30 PM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol of the Bells

Come, All Ye Shepherds

Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Ukrainian Carol, arr. Fedak

Czech Carol, arr. Fedak

Yorkshire Carol, arr. Rasley

PRELUDES

Three Carols from the Canadian Brass

arr. Luther Henderson

I Saw 3 Ships; Huron Carol; Sussex Carols

Away in a Manger

arr. Zack Smith

Molto Brass Quintet: Paul Buell, trumpet; Maresa Badour, trumpet;

Carrie Sorensen, French horn; Judith Greene, trombone; Mark Harrienger, tuba;

and Carl Bingle, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Angela Elmer & David Garry

Leader: In the beginning God separated the light from the dark. He gathered up
the water into the sky. God pulled the waters back from the land.
And then the great lights were cast into the heavens.

People: **Humankind was made in his image, and all was called good.**

Although this image is marred in sin, it can be redeemed.

Through mercy and grace we were made, and now we are made new.

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL #249**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

(Please sing unison/melody on the final verse.)

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:1-7

Lily and Malachi Adkins

ANTHEM

We've Got Good News to Tell

Don Besig

FPC Vocal Ensemble: Sara Gleason, Nancy Boynton, Jenny Whitenack,
Jessica Jones, John Willaman, David Elmer, Carl Bingle

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-14

Melissa and Angela Elmer

***CAROL #278**

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:15-20

Ethan and David Garry

HANDBELL ANTHEM

The First Noel

arr. Callahan

Youth and Alumni Ringers; Jennifer Whitenack, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***CAROL MEDLEY 284-285**

The Birthday of a King/O Holy Night

Congregation, Choir, Brass, Organ

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:1-6

Yanna Hiotis and Brie Thomas

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

This Christmastide

Donald Fraser

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Molto Brass;

Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:7-15

Cassandra Elmer and Zac Whitenack

HOMILY

"We Are There Already"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

SOLO

Mary's Lullaby

Max Reger

Nancy Boynton, soloist

CAROL 253 (Please remain seated)

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

(Please sing unison/melody on final stanza)

CARILLON

***CAROL 270**

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Michael Helman

Carl Bingle, organ

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A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Building.

Please ask an usher to show you the way.

Tonight, the *Christmas Eve offering* is being collected for the **Women of Grace Widows' Fund**. Please consider giving this Christmas Eve. This offering translates to homes, and the ongoing projects with widows: sewing, raising pigs, bee keeping, and acute needs. The Widows' Fund is thankful for all of you who give with prayers, supplies, and with your donations.