

*A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Building.
Please ask an usher to show you the way.*

Worship Leaders Tonight

Rev. Casey C. Carbone, Associate Pastor
Sara D. Gleason, Director of Music
Carl A. Bingle, FPC Organist
Jennifer M. Whitenack, Handbell Director

Tonight, the *Christmas Eve offering* is being collected for the **Women of Grace Widows' Fund**. Please consider giving this Christmas Eve. This offering supports 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.

A Blessed Christmas to All! May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts this holy season. You are welcome to worship God with us each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

+Candlelighting Instructions: The light will be brought to the beginning of each pew. Please tip your unlit candle toward the lighted one, then hold your candle in an upright position. Please extinguish your candles at the beginning of "Joy to the World". Please deposit your candle in the containers provided at each exit. Do carry the light of Christ in your heart this Christmastide!

For those we miss at Christmas... on the table at the front of the sanctuary there are candles that can be lit remembering someone you miss at Christmas.

The **nativity set** on the Chancel is a gift to the church from **Lewis B. Washburn, organist from 1961-1984**

The **star ornaments** displayed on the small memory tree in Fellowship Hall are in memory of those of our FPC Family who passed away this past year. The star ornaments are available to their families at the end of the season. Please speak with Llnya Bell about this.



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for @First_Pres_of_Watertown.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 20187:30 PM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Ring, Christmas Bells

Ukrainian Carol, arr. Fedak

A Carol Medley

arr. Robert Hughes

PRELUDES

The Molto Brass Quintet

Paul Buell, Maresa Badour, trumpets; Carrie Sorensen, horn;

Judy Greene, trombone; Mark Harrienger, tuba

Final Prelude

Away in a Manger

arr. Zack Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Psalm 96)

Leader: 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.

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it. Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming. God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL #249

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

(Please sing unison/melody on verse 3.)

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Erin and Alisha Dunkle

Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

*CAROL #245 (verses 1, 3, 4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 11:1-4, 6-9

Angela, Melissa and Cassandra Elmer

The Messiah will come from Jesse’s line and restore peace to creation.

*CAROL #265 (verses 1, 3, 5)

The First Noel

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Directed by Sara Gleason

Please stand for verse 5

Stanza 1: all men Stanza 2: all women *Stanza 5: All sing unison melody

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 1:26-35, 38

Malachi Adkins

An angel appears to Mary and announces she will bear a holy child.

ANTHEM

Scots Nativity

Alan Bullard

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Carol 262 (verse 1)

Away in a Manger (Please remain seated)

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Traditional

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:1-7

Joseph Slabchuck

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Gesù Bambino (Baby Jesus)

Pietro Yon

Molto Brass Quintet and Carl Bingle, organ

*DOXOLOGY #815

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-16

Brie Thomas

Angels appear to the shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of Christ.

CAROL #285

O Holy Night!

Directed by Sara Gleason. Please stand for verse 3

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ John 1:1-14

Rev. Casey Carbone

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Mariä Wiegenlied (Mary’s Cradle Song)

Max Reger

Nancy Boynton, soloist

CAROL 253

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

(Please remain seated; sing unison melody on verse 4.)

CARILLON (When Joy to the World introduction is heard, please extinguish candles.)

*CAROL 270

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Larry Shackley

Molto Brass Quintet and Carl Bingle, organ