First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights



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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP December 24, 2022

4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "The Holly and the Ivy" arr. Richard Ellsasser

WELCOME Katy Allen

 CALL TO WORSHIP
 Anika Larson

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.

CAROL 133 (vs. 1, 3, 4) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 A Prophet Speaks Words of Promise Jessica Lynn

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Susannah Landwehr & Elijah Lang

CALL TO CONFESSION Charlie Landwehr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

†RESPONSE (Hymn 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest. Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Annette McDermott

AN ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY

CAROL 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST LOUIS

NO ROOM AT THE INN

ANTHEM "A Baby in a Manger, Gloria!" Vicki Tucker Courtney

Children's Choir

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

CAROL 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING

ANTHEM "Star Carol" Elizabeth Carter

Children's Choir & Middle School Chime Choir

THE WISE MEN

CAROL 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" KINGS OF ORIENT

GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

CAROL 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY "Everybody Can Sing at Christmas" Mark Burrows

Children's Choir & Middle School Chime Choir

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

♦ HYMN 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

Sarah White

All children are invited to leave their pews and come forward to share in singing of Silent Night.

†BENEDICTION Alex Lang

All children return to their seats after the Benediction.

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Gordon Young

Gino Bavido

Avery James

Iames White

James Landwehr

PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Nick Pulikowski

Choreography

Michelle Fielder

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[†]Please stand as you are able.



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FESTIVAL OF PREPARATION				
Solo	"I Saw Three Ships" Samantha Bittle, harp	Dale Wood		
Solo	"Gesu Bambino" Kathy Sobeski, soprano	Pietro Yon		
CAROL 123 (vv. 1, 3, 5) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL				
DUET	"Mary, Did You Know" JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Nick Pulikowski, to	Lloyd Larson		
DUET	"Let the Bright Seraphim" Diana Richardson, soprano; Eric Allen, trump	G. F. Handel		
CAROL 13	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO		
Solo	"O Holy Night" Adam Hendrickson, baritone	Adolphe Adam		

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's people on earth.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Hal Stern, Ken & Susan Weller

Alex Lang

♦CAROL 133 (vv. 1, 3, 4) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

THE PROPHECY

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

(Pew Bible, p. 555) Judy Hockenberry Now God has spoken to us. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Oscar Overby

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BIRTH

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-24

(Pew Bible, p. 783) Alex Lang

Now God has spoken to us. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"What Strangers Are These?"

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Samantha Bittle, harp

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

(Pew Bible, p. 832) Judy Hockenberry Now God has spoken to us. **Thanks be to God!**

♦CAROL 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORS

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

(Pew Bible, p. 833) Alex Lang

Now God has spoken to us. Thanks be to God!

♦CAROL 113 "Angels We

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

(Pew Bible, p. 833) Judy Hockenberry Now God has spoken to us. **Thanks be to God!**

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ANTHEM

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

"Star Carol"

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

THE MAGI AND THE GIFTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-11

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†CAROL **147** (vv. 1-3, 5)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY

"This Christmastide"

Donald Fraser

Chancel Choir; Samantha Bittle, harp; Eric Allen, trumpet

THE MEANING

SERMON

"The Manger"

Alex Lang

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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SHARING THE LIGHT

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♦CAROL 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night!" STILLE NACHT

BENEDICTION Alex Lang

CHORAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah Chorus"

Chancel Choir; Eric Allen, trumpet

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" Eric Allen, trumpet

Nigel Williams

G.F. Handel

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Colin Stanhope, trumpet

SOLO "The Holly and the Ivy" Mark Dugas

Luke Sparreo, flute

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OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Sam Schuffler & Jackson Yedor

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Light shines on those who live in darkness,

All: for a child is born to us this night.

CAROL 133 (vs. 1, 3, 4) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ vou came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the light of Christ the Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

♦GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 583)

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THE PROPHECY

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

(Pew Bible, p. 555) May Allen

Now God has spoken to us. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Llovd Larson Andrew Orals, violin; Paige Orals, oboe; Pam Orals, piano

THE BIRTH

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

(Pew Bible, p. 832) William Haines Now God has spoken to us. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Mary, Did You Know?" Luke Sparreo, flute

Joel Raney

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

(Pew Bible, p. 833) Ben Haines

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♦CAROL 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and partake of communion. Return to your pew by the side aisle. There is a station which offers wafers free of common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium, and a separate cup is offered as well.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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