

**Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022**



Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

**Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns **

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Prelude on "Whence is that Goodly Fragrance?"*

Harrison Oxley
(1933-2009)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship**

Friends, rejoice! For to us, a child is born!

To us, a son is given!

He is called wonderful counselor, everlasting creator, prince of peace.

He will judge the earth with fairness and bring justice for all.

Of his reign, there will be no end.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among all people!

***Carol 107** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

REJOICE, REJOICE

Moment with Faith Kids

Lighting the Christ Candle

I Will Light Candles this Christmas

by Howard Thurman

Christmas Litany

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Be born in us today!

Kyrie 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 4)*

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Assurance of Grace

***Gloria 113** *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

***Carol 147** *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Carol 137** *He Came Down*

HE CAME DOWN

Christmas Readings

Our God Is the One Who Comes to Us

Ann Weems

***Carol 141** *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

GLORIA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



Offertory *What Child Is This? with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Mary McDonald
(b. 1956)

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Carol 136** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

Dan Miller
(b. 1954)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FESTIVE
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING
WORSHIP TODAY IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!