

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday December 24, 2017

7 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Piano Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist – Micah Pawluk Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* **Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Call to Worship

* **Hymn: "Angels from the realms of glory" #146**

Special Music: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Evelyn Konrad

Lighting the Christ Candle (see insert)

Choir Anthem

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors):

Special Music: "Mary Did You Know?" – Pamela and Patricia Vasquez

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Christmas Pageant – "Bethlehem News"

Includes: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 4, 5) **#159**
"Joy to the world (vs. 1, 2, 4) **#153**
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" **#139**
"While Shepherds Watched" **#138**
"We Three Kings" **#173**

Offering/Offertory Prayer

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1, 2, 4) **#165**
"What Child Is This?" **#161**
"Away in a Manger" **#149**

"Be Still and Know
that I am God" (Ps.
46: 10)

**Please take the time
before the service as
an opportunity to
quietly prepare
your heart and
mind for worship.**

Offering prayer:

God of grace and glory, as the magi brought their gifts, so do we. Grant that our gifts may go before you to prepare your ways among the men and women you have made, to give knowledge of your forgiveness of sins and your salvation to your people. Along with the gifts on these plates, we also offer our other gifts: the prayers of grateful hearts that rise like incense, the praise more precious than gold and myrrh and our pain turned to joy by the grace of Emmanuel. We pray through Jesus, the hope of the world, Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sharing the Light of Christ

(Please use caution while holding your lighted candle)

* **Hymn: "Silent Night" #154**

Blessing

(Candles are extinguished)

A very special 'Thank You' to everyone who helped with our Christmas Eve play!

Announcer 1: Colin Rackham

Announcer 2: Susan Mattinson

Scripture Reader: Sandra Allan

Interviewer 1: Willa Kargbo

Angels: Linda Rydholm, Cheong Lo Lee

Interviewer 2: Amal Kargbo

Shepherds: Pamela Vasquez, Patricia Vasquez, Katherine Po

Interviewer 3: Isabel Burn

Wisemen: David McConnell, Greg Augruso, Khanisha Kargbo

Interviewer 4: Lorne Clifford

Innkeeper: Jeannine Verdenik

Mary: Ella Wehrstedt

Joseph: Bai Kargbo