

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND ANTICIPATION
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | FIVE O'CLOCK



*“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior. -Luke 1:46-47*



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Christmas Eve at First Scots. The readings of this service consist of Promises from the Old Testament concerning the birth of Christ matched with their fulfilment in the New Testament. The hymns in this service are traditional Christmas hymns that reflect both the anticipation and the celebration of the birth of Christ.

At the end of the service, we will carry on a Christmas tradition of lighting candles and singing Silent Night. Whether this is your first Christmas with us or you have been with us for years, we hope you are blessed in this service of worship as we rejoice at the coming of our Lord Jesus!

Upon entering, please enjoy a time of quiet contemplation in preparation for this evening's service.

WELCOME

PASTOR ALEX MARK
SENIOR PASTOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

- **Leader:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **All:** He was in the beginning with God.
- **Leader:** All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that has been made.
- **All:** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- **Leader:** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
- **All:** And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

INVOCATION

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

NO. 194

THE PROMISE: THE REDEEMER

OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE

Genesis 3:14-15

ELDER RON WOERNLE

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Galatians 4:4-5

ELDER MARK SENN

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

NO. 196

Congregation May Remain Seated

ATIONAL HYMN: *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

THE PROMISE: A CHILD SHALL BE BORN

MENT PROPHECY Isaiah 7:14-17 DEACON NO.

"WHEN ALL AROUND MY SOUL GIVES WAY " PA

Luke 1:46-55

ATIONAL HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

OF THE CANDLES

IGHT HYMN *Silent Night! Holy Night!* SEE

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OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE	Isaiah 9:2-7	DEACON TIM BALL
NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT	Luke 2:8-15	DEACON JOHN HARRIS
*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	No. 218

THE PROMISE: A CHILD SHALL BE BORN

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Isaiah 7:14-17 **DEACON NOAH WILCOX**

HOMILY **"WHEN ALL AROUND MY SOUL GIVES WAY "** **PASTOR MARK**

Luke 1:46-55

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
***CANDLELIGHT HYMN** *Silent Night! Holy Night!* **SEE BACK PAGE**

***CONGREGATION STANDS**

We would be absolutely delighted for you to join us every Lord's Day!

- May the Lord bless you and keep you!

The Story Behind Silent Night

The beloved Christmas hymn *Silent Night* (*Stille Nacht* in German) was first composed in 1816 in the small Austrian village of Oberndorf. Joseph Mohr, a young clergyman, originally wrote it as a poem reflecting on the peace and hope brought by the birth of Christ. Two years later, Mohr asked Franz Gruber, a church organist, to compose a melody for guitar accompaniment after the church organ was found to be in disrepair. On Christmas Eve of 1818, the hymn was sung for the first time in St. Nicholas Church. Its gentle melody and profound message of Christ's birth quickly spread beyond Austria, becoming a cherished carol traditionally sung during Christmas Eve services.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16

Capo 1: Γ $B\flat(A)$ Γ $F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ $E\flat(D)$

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

$B\flat(A)$ $E\flat(D)$ $B\flat(A)$

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

$F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ Γ $F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ Γ

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!