



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | December 24, 2023 | Christmas Eve

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *Three French Carols*

Trumpet and Organ

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Fear not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

All Sing: First verse of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 119

One: For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

All Sing: Second verse of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 119

One: Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

All Sing: Third verse of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 119

*Evening Prayer

*Hymn 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The Prophecy Isaiah 7:14

Evelyn Estep

Hymn 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, verse 1 (remain seated)

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38

Emma Johnson

*Hymn 110 *Love Has Come*

The Angel of the Lord Matthew 1:18-23

Abigale Hawkins

*Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Birth Luke 2:1-7

Jason Swain

Anthem *Masters In this Hall*

arr. Gustav Holst

The Shepherds Luke 2:8-19

Anna Grace Padula

Meditation *The Time Has Come*

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Gesu Bambino*

Abigale and Lily Hawkins

Pietro Yon

*Doxology (Sung to tune "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Please stand in body or in spirit

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Table of our Lord. The distribution of the elements will be shared by intinction, the dipping of bread into a common cup. The congregation will receive communion using the center aisle. Please return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available if preferred.)

Choral Invitation 507 *Come to the Table of Grace, verse 5 (...the table of joy...)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup Together

Communion Music *Brass and Organ Music*

Closing Prayer

SENDING

Anthem *Night of Silence*

Choir and Soloist, Ana Player Murray

arr. Daniel Kantor

The Lighting of the Christ Candle John 1:1-14

***Sharing the Light of Christ**

***Hymn 122** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***Benediction**

***Dismissal**

*We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that
God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life, goes with us. Go in peace!*

Postlude *Joy to the World*

Trumpet and Organ

arr. Nigel Williams

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir

Trumpet, Casey Black
Soloists: Abigale and Lily Hawkins,
Ana Player Murray
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.