# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023 – 7pm Online Worship Bulletin

**BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

## Childcare is available during this evening's service in our childcare room on the second floor.

Prelude O Holy Night Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Poetry I'm So Glad Each Christmas Eve Bob Barren

\*Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #28

#### Lighting of the Advent Candles

Chris, Danielle & Jackson Roberts

Throughout this season we have lived, waited, and remembered the hope, peace, joy, and love of God found in Christ. (Light Candles)

Tonight, we gather and light the Christ candle. (Light candle)

With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning has come down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth. We light this candle for Christ. (Light candle)

On this night, we remember God has come in the Christ Child.

#### Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you! And also with you!

\*Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful #41

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Isaiah 11:1-9

Lois Tysseling

Chancel Choir Come Emmanuel Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture: Micah 5:2-4 Tony Tysseling

\*Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem #44

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 Lisa Comstock

\*Hymn What Child Is This #53

Piano Solo O Holy Night Elizabeth Nelson

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-23 Mike Davis

\*Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #37

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16 Susan Davis

\*Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High #23

Scripture: John 1:1-14 Peggy Ulvestad

Chancel Choir Love Came Gently

Sermon Simple Love Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

<u>Prayer for Christmas</u>

Sharing the Light of the Christ Candle

\*Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night #60 verses 1 and 3

Led by the Chancel Bell Choir

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

\*Hymn Joy to the World! #40

## Poinsettias in our Sanctuary were made possible through generous donations

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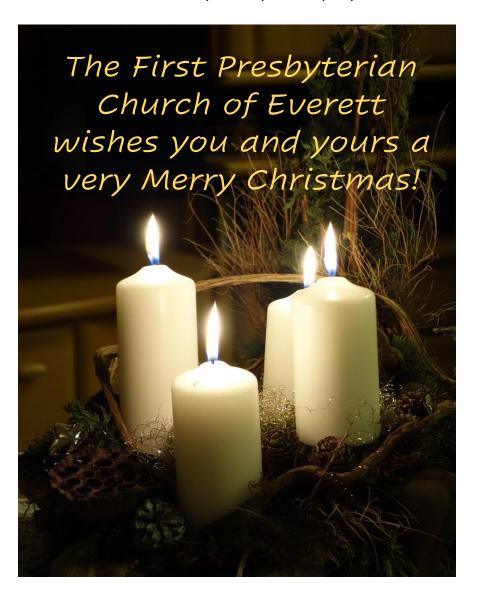
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In Honor of Todd, Emily, Alex, Logan, and Will

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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### O Come, All Ye Faithful

41

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain



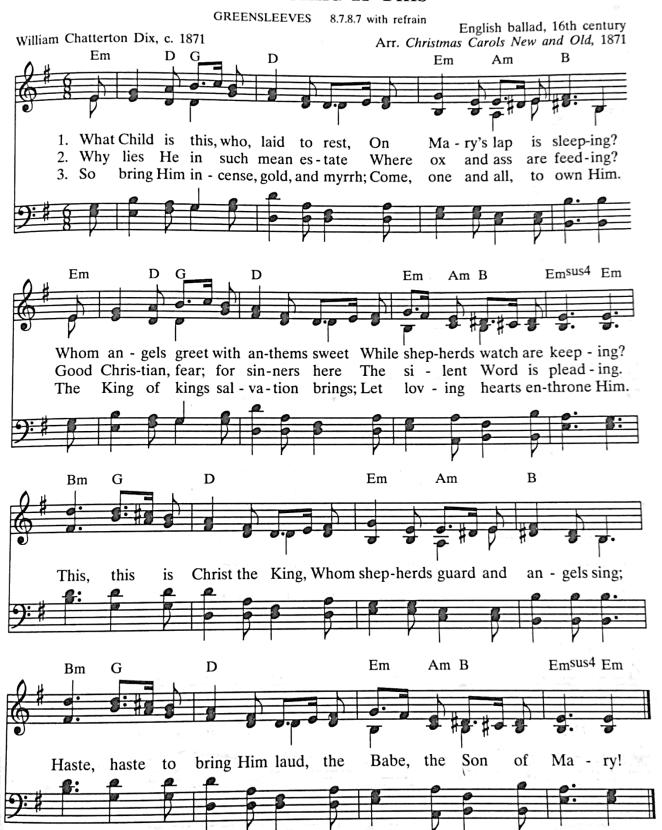
<sup>\*</sup>Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

#### 44

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6





This tune can be sung in the original mode by sharping all C's in the soprano and alto parts.

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



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### Angels We Have Heard on High

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## Silent Night, Holy Night

60

STILLE NACHT Irregular



heaven and na-ture

sing,

Joy to the World! 40 ANTIOCH CM with repeat Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742 Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836 Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Let earth re come: is Lord the the world! us Let our to reigns: 1. Joy Sav - ior the the world! thorns to Nor in -2. Joy grow, sor - rows more let sins and 3. No And makes the grace, truth and with rules the world 4. He Him pre - pare room, heart ery ev ceive her King; Let rocks, hills, and plains songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, bless - ings flow His make fest the ground; He comes to righ - teous - ness, His na - tions prove The glo - ries of And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture Re - peat the sound-ing joy, peat the sound-ing Re -Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His And heaven and na - ture sing, And sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture joy, Re sing. peat, re peat the sound-ing found, Far joy. as, far as the love, curse is And found. won ders, won ders of His love.