

The **nativity set** on the Chancel is a gift to the church from **Lewis B. Washburn, organist from 1961-1984**

**A Blessed Christmas to All!** May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts this holy season. You are welcome to worship God with us each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

**+Candlelighting Instructions:** The light will be brought to the beginning of each pew. Please tip your unlit candle toward the lighted one, then hold your candle in an upright position. Please extinguish your candles at the beginning of "Joy to the World". Please deposit your candle in the containers provided at each exit. Do carry the light of Christ in your heart this Christmastide!

**For those we miss at Christmas...** on the table at the front of the sanctuary there are candles that can be lit remembering someone you miss at Christmas.

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix, Associate Pastor  
Sara D. Gleason, Director of Music  
Carl A. Bingle, FPC organist  
Jennifer M. Whitenack, Handbell Director

Brass Ensemble

Paul Buell, trumpet  
Maresa Badour, trumpet  
Carrie Sorensen, french horn  
Judith Greene, trombone  
Mark Harrienger, tuba

FPC Sextet

Sara Gleason  
Clancy Cox  
Nancy Boynton  
Jenny Whitenack  
John Willaman  
David Elmer

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2015

7:30 PM

\* *Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDES Molto Brass Quintet and Carl Bingle, Organ

FINAL PRELUDE Avé Maria, Gratia Pléna Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

INTROIT *Once in Royal David's City*  
Angela Elmer and Brie Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Erin and Alisha Dunkle

Leader: In the beginning God separated the light from the dark. He gathered up  
the water into the sky. God pulled the waters back from the land.  
And then the great lights were cast into the heavens.

**People: Humankind was made in his image, and all was called good.  
Although this image is marred in sin, it can be redeemed.  
Through mercy and grace we were made, and we are now made new.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES  
(Please sing unison/melody on final stanza)

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:1-7 Melissa and Angela Elmer

ANTHEM *Scots Nativity* Alan Bullard  
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-14 Joe Slabchuck and Lily Adkins

\*CAROL *The First Nowell* arr. Mack Wilberg

**Men:** The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep,  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

**Women:** They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

**All:** Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:15-20 David and Sarah Van Eenenaam

READING "Ring Out, Wild Bells" Ethan and Zoë Garry

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Away in a Manger* Traditional  
Youth, Adults and Alumni Ringers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*CAROL 25 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:1-6 David Garry and Caitlin Archibald

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Night of Miracles* Neidlinger/Adam  
FPC Sextet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:7-15 Yanna and Lexi Hiotis

HOMILY "Bill Is Fine" Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

DUET *Stille Nacht* (original version) Mohr & Gruber  
Sara Gleason and Nancy Boynton

CAROL 60 (Please remain seated) *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT  
(Please sing unison/melody on final stanza)

CARILLON

\*CAROL 40 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christmas Fantasy for Organ & Brass* Joel Raney  
Carl Bingle, FPC organist

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*A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Building.  
Please ask an usher to show you the way.*

Tonight the **Christmas Eve offering** is being collected for the **Women of Grace Widows' Fund**. The WOGWF serves 45 widows in three villages in the northern region of Malawi. Our model of volunteerism to keep overhead costs down means funds go directly to the programs in Malawi. Please help us help these widows in Malawi.