

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.

The star ornaments displayed on the small memory tree in Fellowship Hall are in memory of those of our FPC Family who passed away this past year. The star ornaments are available to their families at the end of the season. Please speak with LInya Bell about this.

Worship Leaders Tonight

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

STAR IN MY HEART

by Mary E. Linton

*Christmas is where you are...the chimes, the snow,
All make a setting for the heart aglow.
But Christmas is more subtle than all these,
Something beyond the shimmering of trees,
Something that reaches deep within the heart
To find your song, though we are far apart.
And if you hear my voice across the years
Singing the song we both have learned through tears,
Know that it holds the faith deep planted there,
Nourished by your dreams and our one prayer.
There must be miles between us, but a ray
Shines through the darkness and we know the way.
For where you are the Christmas star is bright.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2016

7:30 PM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Join the Triumph of the Skies!
Les Anges dans nos Campagnes
Gabriel's Oboe (Luke 1:26-36)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
arr. D. Wagner
arr. A. L. Page
E. Morricone

PRELUDES

Molto Brass Quintet: Paul Buell, trumpet; Maresa Badour, trumpet;
Carrie Sorensen, French horn; Judith Greene, trombone; Michael Coldren, tuba; and
Carl Bingle, Organ

FINAL PRELUDE

Gesù Bambino

Pietro Yon

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Angela Elmer and David Garry

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 now we are made new.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 249

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

(Please sing unison/melody on the final verse.)

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:1-7

Zoë and Ethan Garry

ANTHEM

Rejoice and Be Merry

John Rutter

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-14

Brie Thomas and Melissa Elmer

*CAROL 278

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Luke 2:15-20

Sarah and David Van Eenenaam

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Youth and Alumni Ringers

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*CAROL MEDLEY 284-285

The Birthday of a King/O Holy Night
Congregation, Choir, Brass, Organ
(Sara Gleason will direct us all)

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:1-6

Yanna Hiotis and Joe Slabchuck

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Some Children See Him/O Harken Ye

Alfred Burt

FPC Quintet: Sara Gleason, Nancy Boynton, Jenny Whitenack,
John Willaman, David Elmer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Matthew 2:7-15

Alisha Dunkle and L. J. White

HOMILY

“Merry Christmas, Aunt Ruby”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

SOLO

O Jesulein Süß

J. S. Bach

Nancy Boynton, soloist

CAROL 253 (Please remain seated)

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

(Please sing unison/melody on final stanza)

CARILLON

*CAROL 270

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Avé Maria

Franz Biebl

Molto Brass and Organ

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

J. S. Bach

Organ

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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**. Please consider giving this Christmas Eve. This offering translates to homes, and the ongoing projects with widows: sewing, raising pigs, bee keeping, and acute needs. The Widows' Fund is thankful for all of you who give with prayers, supplies, and with your donations.