



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2023, 7:00PM



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

C.J. BRIGGS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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POURING OF THE WATERS OF GRACE

*Blessed are we when we see love, at long last, in every small and tender thing,
stealing into our world to change us all. ~Kate Bowler*

PRELUDE

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

arr. Johannes Brahms

CHRISTMAS GREETING

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people this day.
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among people!

THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a sign the light of Christ has come!

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined**

Come, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

CAROL

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

(GTG #133)

FIRST LESSON

LUKE 1:26-35

CAROL

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

(GTG #119)

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 1:39-47

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

(GTG #121)

THIRD LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

CHORAL ANTHEM

AWAY IN A MANGER

(GTG #114)

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

CAROL

JOY TO THE WORLD

(GTG #134)

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

O Christ, our light,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

All offerings received tonight, unless otherwise marked, will go to the Christmas Crisis Fund to be dispersed by IPC to communities in acute need.

RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(GTG #606)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION CAROL

THE FIRST NOEL

(GTG #147)

FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-20

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

(GTG #113)

FIFTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

CAROL

SILENT NIGHT

As we sing GTG #122, we will pass the light of the Christ candle.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE

SILENT NIGHT FROM DIE NATALI

by Samuel Barber

