

**First Presbyterian Church  
Delhi, New York**

December 24, 2017

7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve**

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ..." Luke 2:14*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, you came as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world, and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds. Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang. Let us go with those who are wise.

**People: Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us. Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh, let us go with those who are humbled by life.**

Leader: Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough. Let us go with our friends and family, let us go with our neighbors and with strangers, let us go with all the children of God.

**People: Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom. O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him! Christ our Lord!**

**\*Hymn** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #133

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 9:2-7**

**\*Hymn** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* #132

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 11:1-9**

**\* Hymn** *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* #129

**Gospel Reading** **Luke 1:26-38**

**Anthem** *"Coventry Child"* arr. by Snyder  
Chancel Choir

**Gospel Reading** **Luke 2:8-18**

**\* Hymn** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* #113

**Presentation of Gifts and Offerings**

**Call to the Offering**

**Offertory** *"On This Still, Silent Night"* by Laura Farnell  
Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Lord God, on this holy night we receive the blessed gift of your Son. Help us to show our gratitude of heart as we return our thanks to you. Amen.**

**Time with the Children** Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays

**Christmas Meditation** Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays

**Gospel Reading** **John 1:1-18**

**Passing the Light of Christmas**

As the organ starts playing, the pastor will share the light of the Christ candle with the congregation, with the assistance of the ushers who will light the candle of each person sitting nearest the aisle. Please tip your candle to receive the light and then turn to your neighbor so they can do the same. When the hymn is over we will stand in silence for a moment and extinguish the candles together as a congregation.

\* Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" #122

\* Time of Silence

\* Extinguishing the candles together

\* Hymn "Hark! The herald Angels Sing" #119

\* Postlude

\* You are invited to stand.

*Thank you to all of our musicians this evening:*

*Billy Meredith, Bea Mooney,*

*Molly & Anna Arehart, Tom and Susie Little,*

*Renee Maxwell, Adriana Merino*

*Jim Merwin, Ava Sprague,*

*A Pealing Sound Bell Choir, Chancel Choir*

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*From a heart of great love, God has sent Jesus to us; God has come to us to share our humanity, to share in our joys, and to walk with us in our sorrows.*

*Jesus arrives in the perfect purity of a newborn baby, to whom great Kings bring their gifts and their adoration.*

*This One's journey may begin in a wooden manger,  
but it will lead him to a wooden cross,  
through which Jesus the Messiah will redeem us all.*

*We, at First Presbyterian Church, pray you a blessed and very merry Christmas. As you gather with family and friends at this holy time of year, may you give thanks to God for the Gift he has given!*

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**A Pealing Sound Director: Bea Mooney**

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