



The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

December 24, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Jesus Christ

“God has been mindful.” Luke 1:48

Special Instructions: Because of the candles along the aisles, we ask that you remain seated until the singing of Silent Night.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Introit – Bell Choir

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

arr. by Lamb

Call to Worship – Lighting the Advent Candles

Leader: In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world. We are seeking light. In our own lives...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our neighborhoods...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our families...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our work...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In Grace...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our nation...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our world...

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. Ask and it will be given to you.

Unison: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Come into our world today. Amen.

Carol

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1 & 7

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Carol

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” verses 1 & 3

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Special Music – Bell Choir

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. by Tucker

Carol

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” verses 1 & 5

#123

Carol

“Angels We Have Heard on High” verses 1 & 3

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

We come to You this Christmas Eve and stand in the light of angels and candles and your love. Make your work clear as we listen to Mary pour out her heart of wonder. May her joy touch us two-thousand years later. Give us a vision of what our lives can mean. In Christ's Name, Amen.

First Portion of Mary's Birth Song Written for Her Son, Jesus – Luke 1:46-50

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation."

Anthem – Choir

"On This Still, Silent Night"

arr. by Farnell
Lois Haight, Flute

Second Portion of Mary's Birth Song Written for Her Son, Jesus – Luke 1:52-55

"He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever."

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Mary's Song"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory – Choir

"Were You There On That Christmas Night?"

by Sleeth

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

"Love Has Come"

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Invitation

Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

Distribution

Those taking communion are asked to hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing our unity in the Spirit of Christ, then to drink individually the cup, symbolizing our personal commitment to Christ.

Prayer After Communion

Closing Scripture – John 1:4-5

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

***Sharing the Christ Light**

The leaders 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 standing 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.

***Closing Hymn**

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

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***Benediction**

***Parting Hymn**

“Joy to the World” verses 1 & 4

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Leading us in worship this evening:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Lois Haight, Guest Musician

Thank you to all of our Choir members:

Ed Chytalo

Ed Goff

Nancy Haynes

Susie Little

Tom Little

Linda Malcolm

Art Maxwell

Renee Maxwell

Helen Rosa

Thank you to all of our Bell Choir members:

Kathy Beveridge

Gia Cantwell

Susie Little

Tom Little

Diane Maxwell

Renee Maxwell

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell



Poinsettias



IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Karl Baier and Gert Bell		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Karl Baier		Jeff & Lucas Baier
Karl Baier and Robert Mackey Jr.		Barb & Bob Mackey, Garry & Audrey Mackey, Nate Mackey & Shim and Nicole Mackey
Karl Baier		Jeana & Jamie Roberts, Karleigh & Leo Moran and Michael Roberts
Stoshie Pawlikowski		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Joan L. Pawlikowski (Mom)		Kathy Beveridge
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Dorothy Burgin		Matthew & Lorena Burgin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Donna Burgin		Matthew & Lorena Burgin
	Billy Meredith	Mary Conklin
Ida & Douglas Hume		Margie Hume
Dr. Howard & Evelyn Dickson		Margaret Jones
Barbara Kiviranna		Travis Kiviranna & Family
	Margie Hume	Tom & Barb Leo
John Bauer		Tom & Susie Little
Richard Little		Tom & Susie Little
Gerald Maxwell and Janet Maxwell		Joan Maxwell and Jack Maxwell
Walter Maxwell and Mary Maxwell		Joan Maxwell and Jack Maxwell
	Our ten grandchildren: Aileen, Amanda, Autumn, Maggie, Logan, Lucas, Cooper, Chase, Ailish and Ellery	John & Gwenn Nealis

IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Our parents: Lydia & Raymond Nealis Mabel & Frank Brown		John & Gwenn Nealis
Joe Rosa		David & Heather Rosa
Bill & Ida Sanderson		David & Heather Rosa
Dottie Wilklow		David & Heather Rosa
Joseph & Gladys Rosa		Helen Rosa
Joseph Rosa		Helen Rosa
Leland & Verna Wood		Helen Rosa
Loved Ones and Friends		Helen Rosa
Our parents: Joan & Philip Sullivan Kathryn & Robert Thomson		Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
Our siblings: Tom Sullivan, Kathy Ball and Jim Thomson		Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
	Our children: Pat & Sonia Sullivan Ryan & Val Sullivan	Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
	Our granddaughters: Leona, Aila, Kathryn and Colleen	Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
Robert & Deborah Snyder		Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell
Gerald & Virginia Lee Tyrrell		Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell
Bill & Ida Sanderson and Dottie Wilklow		Shirley Warren
Flobert & Dorothy Warren		Shirley Warren
Wes Warren		Shirley Warren



Wreath in the Choir Loft



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Harry & Lucy Hebbard	Jane & Don Hymers
Alfred & Helen Hymers	
The white bows on these wreaths were generously donated by Kathy Beveridge.	

The Fontanini Nativity figures are given as a gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This gift is in memory of Conrad Larsen and is given by Betty Larsen and Linda and Bruce Burr.



Monetary Gifts Toward Wreaths and Decorations



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Rev. Dr. Bob Barrett and Melody's mother Velma Liskow For the Advent wreath - the stand was given in Velma's memory (1988)	Melody Barrett & Family
My sister, Linda Pawlikowski Gallagher	Kathy Beveridge
Evelyn & Bill Bedient	Joe & Gia Cantwell and Family
Gwendolyn Pugh	Joe & Gia Cantwell and Family
Our parents: Bob & Esther Lee and Stan & Madeline Borow	Kevin & Nancy Lee
Leland & Verna Wood	David & Heather Rosa
Helen and Kay Hoffman	Their children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren
Deborah Swab	Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell
Gerald G. Tyrrell	Jamie & Bessie Tyrrell