

**The Service of Light** is centered around Jesus the Christ who came to bring light into the world. The Christ candle bears witness to Him as the Light of the World. He was, and now is the perfect light. We celebrate His coming as each person receives light from the Christ candle and passes their light on to their neighbor.



*The offering collected as we depart the sanctuary will be used for mission and special needs in our community.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME:**

**Wise Men's Breakfast**  
**Sunday, December 31**  
**9:30am in the Kirk**  
*EVERYONE is invited.*  
**One Worship Service at 10:30am**



## First Presbyterian Church

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**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

*Communion and Candlelight*

*Christmas Eve Service*

*December 24, 2017*

*5:30 p.m.*

PRELUDE                      *What Child Is This?*                      arr. Kim Robertson  
   Aubrey Elliott, harp

WELCOME TO THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

MUSICAL MEDITATION      *Gentle Mary*                      Gawthrop  
   Chancel Choir, Aubrey Elliott, harp

CALL TO WORSHIP    John 8:12  
Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world."  
**Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.**

\*HYMN 119                      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*                      MENDELSSOHN

NEW TESTAMENT READING      **Galatians 4:4-5**  
**But when the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman...**

EXPRESSING THE FAITH      *Make My Life a Bethlehem*                      arr. Courtney  
   Carly Wilder, soloist

MEDITATION                      *"Timing"*                      Dr. Dennis Tedder

\*HYMN 121                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                      ST. LOUIS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LORD'S GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*                      arr. Daniel Burton  
   Aubrey Elliott, harp

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

LIFTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Worship leaders will share light from the Christ Candle. Elders will light the candles of the first worshiper in each pew. Each will light your neighbor's candle. Place your candle in the box provided at the door as you depart.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GIFT (James 1:17)  
**Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**

\*HYMN 122                      *Silent Night, Holy Night*                      STILLE NACHT

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
'Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

\*PRAYER (In Unison)  
**Great God,  
As you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night.  
Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may  
clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live  
for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*                      arr. Daniel Burton  
   Aubrey Elliott, harp

\*Those who are able, please stand.

***We thank Aubrey Elliott, harpist, for performing for us tonight.***