

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 30
9:30am in the Kirk
EVERYONE is invited.
One Worship Service at 10:30am



First Presbyterian Church

302 W. Whitner Street
Anderson, SC 29624
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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2018
8:00 p.m.

Communion and Candlelight

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2018

8:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose
What Child Is This*
Lydia Alleman, harp

arr. Burton
arr. Kondonassis

WELCOME TO THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Chancel Choir; Lydia Alleman, harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign for you: You will find a child

Wrapped in swaddling bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

*HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:8-20

Pew Bible p. 50

EXPRESSING THE FAITH

When Love Was Born
Phil Little

arr. M. Schultz

MEDITATION

“The Time to Lo and Hark”

Dr. Dennis Tedder

*HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE LORD’S GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lullaby of the Christ Child
Divinum Mysterium
Speak Softly Before the Dear Baby*
Lydia Alleman, harp

arr. Burton
arr. Robertson
arr. Burton

*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

The First Noel
Lydia Alleman, harp

arr. Kondonassis

*Those who are able, please stand.

We thank Lydia Alleman, harpist, for performing for us tonight.