



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF STILLWATER

**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 11:00 pm**

**Welcome!**

Whether you are worshiping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC, we are glad you have joined us for worship this holy night! We encourage you to have an unlit candle ready that you can light later in the service as we share Christ's light.

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**PRELUDE** ..... "O Little One Sweet" - J.S. Bach/T.A. Schneider

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT** ..... "There's a Star in the East" - African American spiritual

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Community:** **For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.**

**Leader:** Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named:

**Community:** **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**\*\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 133** ..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful", vs. 1,4

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION**

**- The Christmas Story -**

**THE BIRTH** ..... St. Luke 2:1-7

**SOLO** ..... "O Holy Night" - A. Adam

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS** ..... St. Luke 2:8-14

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 119** ..... "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", vs. 1,3

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**THE SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM** ..... St. Luke 2:15-20

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 145** ..... "What Child Is This", vs. 1,3

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

**GOD WITH US - EMMANUEL** ..... St. John 1:1-5, 12-14

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** ..... 110, v. 1

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

## **UNISON PRAYER**

Glory to you, God Most High - you have given us a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord - good news of great joy for all. The roar of the sea, the exultation of the fields, and the joy of the trees are already raised in a chorus of glad rejoicing, ready to welcome you. With the whole of the cosmos, we sing of your salvation, declare your glory, and bless your holy name: Emmanuel, God-with-us! Amen.

## **CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE** ..... "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" - C. Phillips

## **CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS**

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or text GIVE to 580-823-8264, or mail a check to :  
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**OFFERTORY** ..... "Saw You Never in the Twilight" - R. te Velde

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

You are encouraged to light a candle and lower the lights in your home  
to rejoice in Christ's light with you and the world.

**"Silent Night, Holy Night"** (vs. 1,3,4)

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! 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.

**BENEDICTION**

**\*\*PROCLAIMING LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**"Joy to the World"** (vs. 1,2,4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## - ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING -

Preaching **Leah Hrachovec**, Pastor  
Liturgist **Jenny Hardin**, Associate Pastor  
Organist/Dir. of Music **Rebecca te Velde**  
Vocalist **Lucy Newlin**  
Flautist **Jonathon Knopfel**  
Cellist **Samantha Kerns**  
Violinist **Magdalena Vinson**

### Music Notes by Rebecca te Velde

#### TEXTS

Prelude: "O Little One Sweet"

*O little one sweet, O little one mild,  
with joy thou hast the whole world filled;  
thou camest here from heaven's domain  
to bring us comfort in our pain,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.*

*O little one sweet, O little one mild,  
in thee love's beauties are distilled;  
then light in us thy love's bright flame,  
that we may give thee back the same,  
O little one sweet, O little one mild.*

Introit: "There's a Star in the East"

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,  
Rise up shepherd, and follow.  
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.  
Rise up shepherd, and follow.  
Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

Solo: "O Holy Night" (*Cantique de Noël*)

*O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appear'd, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder break a new and glorious morn,  
Fall on your knees! oh hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born,  
O night divine! O night, O night divine.*

*Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His Holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we,  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim,  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.*

Adolphe Adam

Offertory: "Saw You Never in the Twilight"

*Saw you never in the twilight, When the sun had left the skies,  
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining Through the gloom, like silver eyes?  
So of old the wise men, watching, Saw a little stranger star,  
And they knew the King was given, And they followed it from far.*

*Heard you never of the story How they crossed the desert wild,  
Journey'd on by plain and mountain, Till they found the holy Child?  
How they open'd all their treasure, Kneeling to that infant King;*

*Gave the gold and fragrant incense, Gave the myrrh in offering?  
Know ye not that lowly baby Was the bright and morning Star?  
He who came to light the Gentiles, And the darken'd isles afar?  
And we, too, may seek his cradle; There our hearts' best treasures bring;  
Love, and faith, and true devotion For our Savior, God, and King.*

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1853

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# To the Glory of God and the Christmas Season, today's flowers are given by...

- ...Ed & Andrea Arquitt in memory of our parents
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- ...Ken & Anne Belanus in honor of our parents
- ...Elizabeth Bruce in memory of Charlie Bruce
- ...Casey, Jenna, Reese & Emmy Campbell in memory of Bob Campbell
- ...The Chancel Choir in honor of Becky te Velde, our creative and caring director
- ...Nat Cooper & Leah Hrachovec in memory of Ruth Hrachovec
- ...Nat Cooper & Leah Hrachovec in memory of Dona & Don Cooper
- ...Nat Cooper & Leah Hrachoved in celebration of the congregation of FPC
- ...Norman Durham in memory of Jane Durham
- ...Cathy & Steve Fairbanks in memory of our grandson, Steven Cornelius
- ...Cathy & Steve Fairbanks in memory of our parents Helen & Gus Fairbanks
- ...Cathy & Steve Fairbanks in memory of our parents Billie & Perk Powers
- ...John Gelder & Lisa McGaw in memory of our parents
- ...John Gelder & Lisa McGaw in celebration of our children
- ...George & Pat Gilland in celebration of our family
- ...Keith & Linda Good in honor of Evelyn & Stan Koehn
- ...Keith & Linda Good in memory of Bill & Mary Good and Tom Koehn
- ...Beverly Gumm in memory of Bob Gumm and Beth Delametter
- ...Marilyn & Dick Heath in celebration of 70 years of marriage
- ...Hanna Davis Hensley & family in memory of Pete Davis
- ...Ann Houston & Billy McCollom in honor of our families
- ...Ann Houston & Billy McCollom in honor of families of COVID-19 victims
- ...Pat Jaynes in honor of all our church's employees
- ...Paula Kendrick in celebration of family
- ...Ken & Mary McKinley in celebration of the staff at FPC
- ...Larry & Beverly Perkins in memory of Palmer & Pauline Robson
- ...Larry & Beverly Perkins in memory of Harold & Iva Perkins
- ...Pat & Charlotte Razook in celebration of our first granddaughter, Charlie
- ...Pat & Charlotte Razook in celebration of Charlotte's mother, Edith Padgett
- ...Eric, Courtney, Corinne, Elaina & Jacqui Savage in memory of Don "Grandad" Savage
- ...Eric, Courtney, Corinne, Elaina & Jacqui Savage in memory of Lady (dog) Savage
- ...Betsy Showalter in celebration of those who are maintaining our ministries during the pandemic
- ...Ted & Laura Smith in memory of Margaret Brown
- ...Ted & Laura Smith in memory of Ginny Smith
- ...Connie & Jim Stiegler in memory of Chris & Jenny Stiegler
- ...Connie & Jim Stiegler in memory of Dr & Mrs. F P Staff
- ...Connie & Jim Stiegler in memory of Mr & Mrs Harold Stiegler
- ...Arlie Thomason in memory of Edna Luella May Swart Thomason Shebeck
- ...Katie Ewing Tinker in memory of Amos & Molly Ewing
- ...Edna Visnic in celebration of my FPC friends
- ...Tammy Wasson & Mary Emmet in honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- ...Janet Webster, Donna Webster and John Webster in memory of Jennifer Webster
- ...Jim and Arletta Webster in memory of their parents G T & Marion Webster, George & Lorene Visser and their daughter Jennifer Webster
- ...Tom, Emily & Bryn Williams in memory of Eric & Mary Williams
- ...Tom, Emily & Bryn Williams in memory of James & Virginia Taff



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