

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020

Prelude

Special Music: *O Holy Night* --Mike Vross

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*Call to Worship --Rev. Ed Laarman

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

And the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

Refrain: 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 giv'n: Word of the father, now in flesh appearing! (*refrain*)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Special Music: *Jesus the Light of the World* --Boyd Thomas

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

*Hymn: *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay; the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

*Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before you sing thro'out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise you for your gift of love.

All your works declare your glory; all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise as with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Homily: *What Jesus Wants for Christmas*

Special Music: *The Little Drummer Boy*
--Eli Laarman, Shelton Span, John Jamar

Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 1, selected

*Hymn: *Silent Night*

*Benediction: *Ephesians 6:24*

*Postlude *Those who are able, please stand.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

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,
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!

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.