

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

December 24, 2021

**Christmas Eve Service - 7:00p.m.**

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Ave Maria* --Crystal

\*Hymn: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 251

\*Prayer of Confession:

**God our Father, when Gabriel came to Mary with news that she would bear your Son, her heart's desire was to do your will. We confess that our heart's desire is mostly for our own will. Forgive us for praying for your will to be done and then resisting it. Help us to be like Mary. Hear us now as we pray from the heart: "Let it be to me according to your word."**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*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.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choral Anthem: *Rise Up, Shepherd*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Responsive Reading: Psalm 97

--Susan

Pg. 573, Pew Bible

Pg. 499, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *Glory to God in the Highest*

Scripture: Luke 2:1-14

Pg. 857, Pew Bible

Homily

\*Hymn: *O Holy Night!*

No. 285

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Anthem: *Noel*

--John, Josh, Lorna, Shelton

Scripture Reading: John 1 *selected*

*The Light Comes to Us*

\*Benediction

\*Response: *Silent Night*

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\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.