



**First Presbyterian Church  
Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

- Prelude** : O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Stars Over Bethlehem  
A Christmas Meditation
- Ringing of the bell** :
- Welcome & Announcements:** Brandi Schaap
- Introit** : Before the Marvel of this Night  
Performed by Reggie Gorter
- Call to worship** : Led by Brandi Schaap
- Leader : The people who walked in darkness have seen  
a great light.
- People** : **Those who dwelt in a land of deep  
darkness, on them has light shined**
- Leader : For unto us a son in given
- People** : **Unto us a son is given.**
- Leader : And the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called,
- People** : **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- \*Christmas Hymn #56** : The First Nowell Verses 1 & 6
- Litany (Responsive)** : Led by Brandi Schaap

Leader : In the beginning and in the midst of darkness,  
God spoke.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : In the beginning was the Word. And the Word  
came and dwelt among us. And the Word was  
the light of all peoples.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : We light our candles, knowing that the One  
who is the source and promise of all light is  
the One whose birth we celebrate.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : We are here to seek a little light by which we  
can see, by which we can live, by which we can  
love.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : We need to know that we are part of  
something greater than the flicker of our own  
little candles. We long to be assured that the  
light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : So we light our candles in gratitude for the  
love and light that shine through the babe  
born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer  
of us all.

**All : Let there be light.**

Leader : May we be so emboldened as to share the  
love of God with a world longing for light and  
hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and  
generosity shine in a world under the shadow  
of despair.

**All** : **Let there be light.**  
Leader : We join the chorus of those whose carols have  
echoed through the years—"O come to us,  
abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

**All** : **Let there be light.**

**\*Christmas Hymn #31:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing All Verses

### **Advent Wreath**

**Hymn – Sing the Faith #2090** : The Advent Song Verses 1 - 5

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** : Jeff & Emily Speer Family

**Hymn (*See Insert*)** : Candles Glowing Verses 1 - 5

### **A Time for Children**

**Organ/Piano Duet** : When Joseph Went to Bethlehem  
Away in a Manger

**Bell Choir** : O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Away in the Manger  
Directed by Janet Bush

**Christmas Story** : *The Lost Sock* by Tom Roberts  
Read by Abbey Taubert

**First Lesson** : Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Toni Kruger

**Vocal Duet** : Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Performed by Brandi Schaap & Shantel Raatz

**Second Lesson** : Titus 2: 11-14 Toni Kruger

**Trumpet Solo** : O Holy Night Performed by Janet Bush

**Gospel Lesson** : Luke 2: 1-20 Toni Kruger

**\*Christmas Hymn #41** : O Come All Ye Faithful All Verses

**Message** : Something About Christmas by Tom Roberts  
Colton Raatz

**Affirmation of Faith:** Led by Colton Raatz **Unison**

**As the story is retold and carols are sung, we declare that the reign of God has begun. For in Christ, God is present, tasting our pain, feeling our needs and knowing our joy and sorrow. Christ showed the way of righteousness and called us to follow in it. Christ entered this world as a tiny child, showing love enters through the weak. With saints and angels we confess the babe of Bethlehem to be the Christ, the one who names us children of God. With our voices we join with the angelic choir and sing alleluia to our God.**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer:** Led by Brandi Schaap

**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. 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 and ever. Amen.**

**Offering** : Emily Speer

*The Christmas Eve Loose Offering will go to the Pipestone Sleep Tight Program.*

**Organ/Piano Duet** : Angels We Have Heard on High

**\*Doxology**

**\*The Sharing of the Light (Silent Night):** Lee VandeVoort & MacKenzie Bauer

*The ushers will carry the light of the Christ Candle to the congregation.*

*Please pass the light from person to person. Once all candles are lit and lights*

*are turned out, join in singing Silent Night, Holy Night (See Insert).*

*When lights are turned back on, please extinguish your candle. Deposit it in a container in the Narthex at the end of service. Thank you.*

**\*Benediction** : Led by Emily Speer

Leader : We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth – born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

**People : Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, And lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.**

Leader : Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**\*Christmas Hymn #40** : Joy to the World Verses 1 & 4

**\*Organ Postlude** : We Wish You a Merry Christmas

### *Christmas Greetings*

*To one and all! We are pleased to have you worship with us on this Holy Night. We hope you will make worship at First Presbyterian a regular part of your weekly activities.*



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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**December 24, 2021**

**No Church Service on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Poinsettias to be Picked Up or Delivered Today**

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias for Christmas. For those taking Poinsettias tonight, there are bags up front to cover them.

**Thank You to the Confirmation Class for their Assistance Tonight**

Greeting: Braedon Kor, Joseph Kor, and Family

Handing out Candles: Hayden Gorter and Family

Ushering: Cassi Carson and Family

**Thank You to Our Worship Committee and Participants in Tonight's Service**

Thank you to our Worship Committee for planning tonight's service and everyone who participated in tonight's Christmas service.

*Attendance on December 19*

*43 In-Person*

*240 Online*

**\* Denotes to Please Stand**

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