

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY - *Angel Carol*, Chancel Choir and Harp

John Rutter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wonderful God,
in praise and celebration we are here this night,
but we recognize we do so not for the sake of the past.
We gather because we have hope for the future.
Use us and the gifts we bring
that we might bring your presence into our community
through our loving actions. **Amen.**

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*(For everyone's safety, please do not tip a lighted candle.
Children five and under should share holding a candle with a parent.)*

CAROL 122 - *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

STILLE NACHT

BENEDICTION

Go in peace.
May the love that made the stars, be your guiding light.
May the love revealed in Jesus be your hope and inspiration;
and may the love of the ever-present Spirit,
give you courage, joy, and hope, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE - *In Dulci Jubilo*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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*First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, MD
December 24, 2019 - 8:00 pm Worship
Christmas Eve*



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted*, Frank Lyman, soloist
He Shall Feed His Flock, Anne Weigt, soloist
Three Carols in 6/8 Time, Allison Hagee, flute

G. F. Handel
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arr. Karen Smith

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holiest of nights,
we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.
On this most silent night,
we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.
On this night of carols and candlelight,
we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

✦HYMN 133 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Luke 2:10; Col. 1:13-14; John 1:5

Here is good news of great joy, for all people:

God has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and brought us into the realm of Christ, in whom our release is secured, and our sins are forgiven.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never captured it.

Let us pray that we may know the warmth and brightness of Christ Jesus, and show Christ's love to the world.

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now. Hallelujah! Amen!

HYMN 119 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we make room for you on this night of all nights; room in our minds and hearts; room in our lives together.

**Let your word be born in us anew so that,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in and through us.
We pray all of this in the memory of Jesus. Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

PROPHECIES OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST - Isaiah 11:1-2, 5-6; Isaiah 9:2, 6

Anthem - There Is No Rose

Rene Clausen

Chancel Choir, Anna Pike, harp, Rachel Hagee, cello

APPEARANCE OF THE ANGEL TO MARY - Luke 1:26-33

Hymn 99, vs. 1 & 5 - My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

BIRTH OF CHRIST - Luke 2:1-7

Harp Solo - "Interlude," from A Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS - Luke 2:8-18

✦Hymn 113 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI - Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn - *Star-Child*

STAR CHILD



1. Star - Child, earth - Child, go - be-tween of God,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
3. Grown child, old child, mem-ory full of years,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more,
5. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu-pend - ous sign,



love Child, Christ Child, heav-en's light - ning rod,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,
wise child, faith child, know-ing joy in store,
down - to - earth Child, Star of stars that shine,

Refrain



This year, this year, let the day ar - rive when



Christ-mas comes for ev-ery-one, ev-ery-one a - live!

REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THE EVENING AND THE 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.

**HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.
SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.**

THOSE ASSISTING THIS EVENING - **Preacher:** Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgist:** Bob Foye, Amy & Avery Morrison, Ed Gilhooly, Rae Jean Goodman; **Ushers:** college youth; **Trustees:** Mike McDermott, Ted Mussenden.

SIGN-UP FOR THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL - Visit www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email, complete short form, & look for verification email.

NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION - December 31, 6:30 pm music, 7:00 pm service at Eastport United Methodist Church (926 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis). A New Year's Eve event that combines communal singing, ensembles, prayers and readings by faith groups.

MICHAEL ANELLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HAITI REFORESTATION PARTNERSHIP - will visit Annapolis and give a talk on Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Come hear how CODEP is moving forward despite the tough political unrest. Michael will also be speaking at Youth Fellowship that evening.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas

Rev. Karen Brown will preach one service at **11:00 am only**. Mary Marie Quigley will serve as organist and there will be two soloists.

January 5, 2020 - Celebrate Epiphany and Remember White Gifts!

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am as we celebrate Epiphany with the annual pageant. 11:00 am Discovery not offered but Sunday School and Coffee Hour as normal.

During the Epiphany service, we bring food items wrapped in white paper as a gift for Baby Jesus. This year the food will be donated to the Backpack Buddies (BB) program at Annapolis Elementary School. Small, individual portions for children to carry home from school are ideal. Monetary donations to the BB program may also be made via offering plate using the white envelopes or online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/give).



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LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8**