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THOSE ASSISTING THIS EVENING: Preacher - Mihee Kim-Kort; Liturgist: Andrew Kort;  
Wreath: Vern & Dorothy Penner.

MEMBERSHIP - For information contact Elder Jo Fleming ([Jo@Jofleming.com](mailto:Jo@Jofleming.com)).

### LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

*The church will be closed Mondays, December 27 and January 3.*

December 26 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, ONE Service 10:00 am

A guided hymn sing with Rev. Mihee and baptism.

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Andy will preach, Epiphany celebrated and communion served.



Rev. Dr. Andrew Kort & Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastors

Miss Good, Family Ministry Director / Jill Woodward, Music Director / Grace Oh, Organist  
First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis / 171 Duke of Gloucester Street / Annapolis MD 21401  
Partner with the Caibarién congregation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Cuba  
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Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

# *First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland*

## *Christmas Eve Worship – 8:30 pm*

### *December 24, 2021*



### ORDER OF WORSHIP

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

#### PRELUDE (8:00)

*Bethlehem Down*, David Hancock

Peter Warlock

*Wessex Pastorale*, Phyllis Richardson

Stocks

*Gesu Bambino*, Lizzie Storer

*Silent Night*, Rachel & Allison Hagee, cello and flute

*Es ist Ros' entsprungen*, op. 122, no. 8, Grace Oh, piano

Johannes Brahms

*Angel Carol*, Chancel Choir and instrumentalists

Rutter

#### WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT - *Love Has Come*

arr. Woodward

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to receive the light of Christ as we celebrate his miraculous birth;  
**we receive this light that illuminates the holy path of hope, peace, joy, and love.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

**authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named**

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

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

**He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.**

**Come let us worship God!**

✦ HYMN 133 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

## PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mystery and Incarnation, We are easily distracted at this time of year. The messengers of consumption have our ear. The frenetic energy drains our spirit. We forget the stillness you call us to embrace. Help us trust the gift you bring to us -- the gift of Jesus Christ. Refocus our hearts this holy night, on the One who sets us free and invites us into a new way of living. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's grace is for all and present in every moment. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

arr. Dan Forrest

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.  
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.  
How silently, the wond'rous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.  
O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray!  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell!  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emanuel.*

### FIRST SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 9:2-7

### SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 2:1-20

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON - "God Unbound"

### ✦ HYMN 147 - *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(Gifts may be made by offering plate or at [www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE](http://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE))

### OFFERTORY - *In Dulci Jubilo*

Marcel Dupré

### ✦ DOXOLOGY 606 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Waiting God, we commit ourselves to waiting with you, waiting to hear your voice, waiting to know your will,  
**waiting to discover how you want us to serve you with all that you have given us for the life of the world. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

### ✦ HYMN 122 - *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

STILLE NACHT

### ✦ BENEDICTION

### ✦ HYMN 134 - *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

### ✦ POSTLUDE - *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*

J. S. Bach