

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve, Candlelight Service



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens  
invites you to

"Come as a guest, leave as family."

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## Prelude Music

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* arr. Richard Walters

Ashely Armstrong, Clarinet

*"The Little Drummer Boy"* arr. Stephen DeCesare

Anna Armstrong, Lilly Dubs, duet, Zack Henderson, drums

*"Gesu Bambino"* arr.

Sara Ball, vocalist, Patricia Lange, Flute

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"* Holst, arr. Samuel Stokes

Chancel Bells

## GATHERING

Welcome

Laura Henderson

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Ball Family

Family: People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: God multiplied our praise; God increased our joy! People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: He will establish and uphold God's kingdom with justice and righteousness, from this time on and forevermore. People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Family: Tonight we light the Christ candle, praying that God's presence will fill the church, so that all will know God's kingdom here. People of God,

**All: Live in the light of the Lord.**

Choir Anthem                      “Do you Hear What I Hear?”                      arr.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

May the Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you**

**\*Opening Hymn                      “Joy to the World”                      #40**

**The Christmas Story**

Readers: Logan Leitch, Aubree Leitch, Ashley Armstrong, Samantha Henderson

**Christmas Carol:                      O Come All Ye Faithful                      #41**

The Angels Visit Zechariah and Mary

**Christmas Carol:                      “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” verse 1**

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From  
angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold. “Peace on  
the earth, good will to all, From heaven’s all gracious King.” The world  
in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

The Angel visits Joseph

**Christmas Carol:                      “Angels We Have Heard on High” verse 1**

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the  
mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis  
Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Angels Visit the Shepherds

**Christmas Carol:                      “The First Noel”, verse 1**

The First Noel, the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as the lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold  
winter’s night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the  
King of Israel

**Narrator:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, Yes! YOU are the multitude of messengers who have gathered this night to proclaim this Good News! And the angels of God praised God and said:

**Congregation:** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace and goodwill among all people!”

YOUNG MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH (Children’s Messgae)

**Christmas Carol:** “What Child Is This”

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
(Refrain)

## Presenting Our Gifts

The Giving of our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offering Music

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

Sara Ball, soprano

*Loose Offering will go to the WAVE Project that provides a warming shelter during the winter in Warren.*

**\*Offering Response** (Sung to tune: ‘O Come’ Come Emmanuel ”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

**All: God of love and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## **Moving On in the Light of Christ**

Message

"The Angels Amongst Us"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

**\*Closing Song**

**"Silent Night"**

**#60**

**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! 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.**

**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.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

**BOLD TEXT** – All participate  
\* - Stand if you are able  
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### **2025 Decorating Contributions**

| <u>Given By</u>                          | <u>In Memory of</u>  | <u>In Honor of</u> |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Judi Armstrong                           | Carol Hacker   |                    |
| Sara Ball                                |  | Nieces and Nephews |
| Gary & Gloria<br>Cynowa                  | Parents Edmund & Bernice<br>Cynowa, Charles and<br>Bernice Griffith                      |                    |
| Diana DuChene &<br>Nora Pijanowski       | Gene, Elenore, & Neil<br>Beardslee, & our Husbands<br>Dennis DuChene, Mark<br>Pijanowski |                    |
| Zac, Nikki, Lilly,<br>Daphne, Mabel Dubs | Grandma Karen  |                    |
| Louise Emerick                           |  |                    |
| Jane & Mike Ethier                       | Guy & Sigrid Brown,<br>Arthur & Frances Ethier   |                    |
| Fred Eveningred                          | Sister who died 9/20 at 100<br>years old & My wife, Joyce<br>A Eveningred                |                    |
| Robert Fellmy                            |  |                    |
| Terrie & Dennis<br>Hadel                 | Lena & Louis Bokas   |                    |

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|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Gary & Laura<br>Henderson    | Beloved Family Members<br>and Friends  |                        |
| Larry & Peggy<br>Huntington  | Our Parents  |                        |
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| Jerrilyn Portlance           | Loved Ones   |                        |
| Ken & Deb Schmidt            | Our Parents  |                        |
| Michael Spier                | Anita Spier  | Maybell Cook           |

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Office Administrator, Sara Ball

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Sunday Sexton, Aubree Leitch

**Announcements:**

**Please Note Holiday office hours!**

Please note the church office will be closed through the New Year. It will be open again with regular hours on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

