

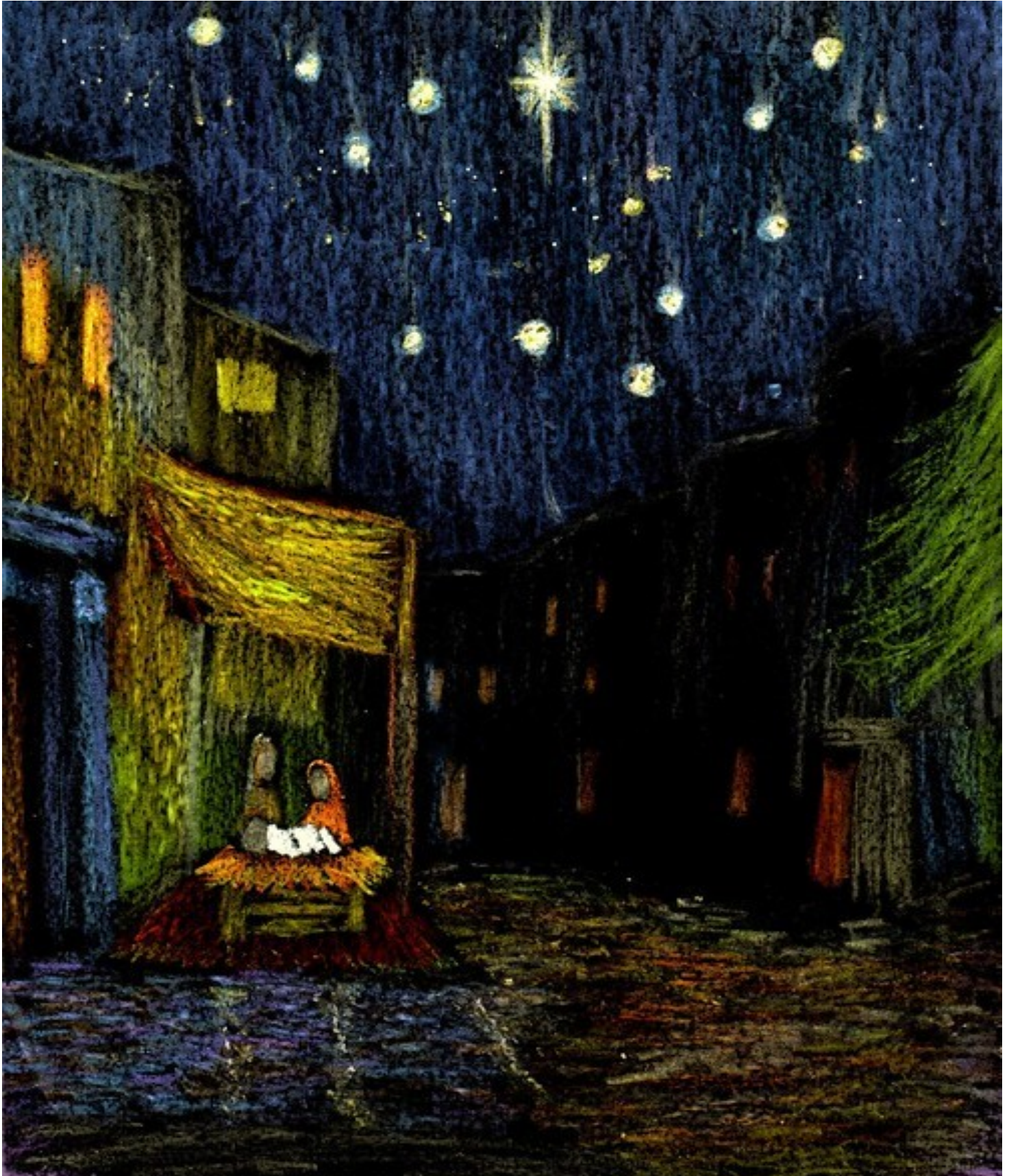
THE SERVICE of Worship

December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve
8:00 P.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

“Awake, My Love, Arise and Sing!”

The Sanctuary Choir; Katy Haun Black, Oboe; Rick McCoy, Percussion
Edwin Walker, Organ; Ralph Stannard, Director

Debra Scroggins
(b. 1956)

*Awake, my love, arise and sing!
My eyes have beheld a newborn King!
The babe is cradled in manger low, arise, my love, we'll go!
Awake, my love, without delay; such wonders await you, remember this day!
A King is born in Bethlehem! Arise, my love, we'll go!
Awake! Arise! Such marvelous wonders will open your eyes!
Awake! Awake! Arise! Arise!
Our King is now with us! Arise!*

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Good news! Great joy!

Jesus Christ is born!

Good news! Great joy!

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*CAROL | “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Glory to God 133

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE | *Responsively*

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and spontaneous.

Our hope in Christ shines on.

We give thanks for the light of peace—unflinching and unafraid.

The peace of Christ lights our way.

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and vivacious.

The joy of Christ brightens our lives.

We give thanks for the light of love—fiery and holy.

The love of Christ comforts and corrects.

Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Thank you, Holy God,

for your light breaking into the world through Jesus Christ.

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness has not overcome it.

Bill and Shirley Latham
Noah Clayton

ANTHEM

“Sweeter Music”

The Sanctuary Choir; Katie Haun Black, Oboe; Edwin Walker, Piano
Ralph Stannard, Director

Debra Scroggins

*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing,
to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Heart, ear, and eye, and everything.
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Silent night, holy night.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Holy God, you have come among us in Jesus Christ,
blessing our human lives and embodying love.**

**We confess that we have turned
from the path that Jesus has marked.**

**We fail to claim all you intend for us,
by withholding love from our neighbors and ourselves.**

Forgive us.

**Be born anew in us, that our lives might reflect
Christ's radiant light.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Our song proclaims the heart of the gospel.

Peace on earth, mercy mild.

God and sinners reconciled.

This is the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CAROL | "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Glory to God 119

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"O Holy Night"

Pastor David Schaefer

ANTHEM

"Sure on This Shining Night"

The Sanctuary Choir; Edwin Walker, Piano
Ralph Stannard, Director

Morten Lauridsen
(b. 1943)

*Sure on this shining night of star-made shadows round,
kindness must watch for me this side the ground,
on this shining night, this shining night.*

*The late year lies down the north,
all is healed, all is health.*

*High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night.*

*I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone of shadows on the stars.
Sure on this shining night. Sure on this shining night.*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“In a Manger”

MUELLER and CRADLE SONG

Ruth Greer Handbell Choir; Edwin Walker, Piano

arr. Joel Raney

Becky Lormor, Director

(b. 1956)

For text reflection please see Glory to God 114 and 115

DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Glory to God 606

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

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE ADORATION | *Sung Together*

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

WE SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CAROL | “Silent Night”

**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.**

*BENEDICTION

*CAROL OF JOY | “Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding
joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love!**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | *Responsively*

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Variations on *IN DULCI JUBILO*”
Edwin Walker, Organ

Denis Bédard
(b. 1950)



*Merry Christmas from the Pastors and Staff
of First Presbyterian Church!*

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for permission to use his artwork for the bulletin cover.*

Poinsettia Dedications

John Babb

In loving memory of Sharon Babb.
In memory of Gordon Rice.
In memory of Rudy Hale.

Michael & Jillian Britton

In honor of our 3 wonderful children, Paige, Abigail, and Sam,
and the blessings they bring into our lives everyday.

Robert & Sue Burns

In appreciation of our church staff.

Richard & Barbara Chapman

In memory of many long-time friends who have left us.

Ed & Paula Dardaganian

In appreciation for Jan Warner for all she has given to our church and the beautiful quilts
and banners she has lovingly shared with us.

Miriam Durrett

In memory of Craig Durrett.

Janice Fandrick, Ricky Fandrick, Jessica Kirkland

In memory of Frank Fandrick.
In memory of Jim & Andrea Gray.

Chris Gray

In loving memory of my parents, Jim & Andrea Gray.

Bob & Mary Jo Grimes

For love of the Christmas season and all that it entails!

Anne Healy

In loving memory of Ralph Healy.

Shirley Kempter

In memory of all members of my extended family who have gone before me.

Bill & Shirley Latham

In memory of Caroline Nelson and Lindy Gotts.
In memory of Sanford Mitchell and Bob Lindorm.
In loving memory and gratitude for the life of Rudy Hale.

Bill & Shirley Latham and Noah Clayton

In grateful appreciation for this congregation and many years of fellowship and love.

Frank C. Lin

In memory of Jane Lin.

Martha & Reese Mathieu

In memory of our fathers, Ben Phillips and Mat Mathieu,
and in honor of our grandchildren, Adair, Charlotte, Eloise, Benjamin, Caroline and Jude.

Poinsettia Dedications

Rosy & Jay McCreary

In appreciation of our FPCR family and their support of our marriage.
In honor of the volunteers and members of FPCR.

Kathy Minde, Joshua & Abby Minde and Jaymes & Brionna Becker

In loving memory of Michael Minde, Harlen & Norma Siemsen, and Cassandra & Aaron Minde.

Kathy Minde

With love to my kids, Joshua & Abby and Brionna & Jaymes.
The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family.

Jane Paschal

In appreciation of all who gave me rides this year.

Harry & Lea Perkins

In gratitude for the blessing of the life of our granddaughter, Hailey Perkins.
In gratitude for the outpouring of love
and support from this congregation during Hailey's illness and death.

Carolyn Prince

In memory of Joe Prince from his loving family.
In appreciation of our wonderful pastors and church staff.

Kathy & Mark Rice

In memory of Mary Rice.

Sue & Rick Rickman

In memory of their parents, Patsy & Jess Rickman and Eleanor & Russ Stewart.
In appreciation of the church staff.
In honor of Shirley & Bill Latham.

Margaret Rogers

In memory of Jim and in thanksgiving for the love and support of my church family.

Robin & Dale Smith

In loving memory and with thanks for the lives of: Andrea & Jim Gray, Betty Probasco
and Bernie Weiner, and Mickey & Eddie Smith.

Jeanne Stone

In honor of Eulalia "Yaya" Velazquez & PPAS.

Brian & Juli Tanzola

In appreciation of our mother, daughters, granddaughter and soon to be sons-in-law.
In appreciation of our Faith Sharing group.

Eva Waldrop

In appreciation of Mary Stewart and her gracious and willingness to help on countless projects.

Linda Yeager

With love and thanks for our FPCR staff and family.

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