

**WELCOME to
First Presbyterian Church of Ambler**



Light of the World

**December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve 8:00 PM**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 11:1-3a

SONG

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:4-5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love Incarnate,
we confess that, with the shepherds,
we are terrified of your glory;
for in glory's light we see plainly
all that is wrong in the world:
how oppression still enslaves;
how garments of war are still stained with blood;
how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety.
We also see what is wrong in us:
how passionately we pursue the things of this world,
but forget to ponder the mystery of your grace and mercy on us.
We do not practice the peace you intend
in our relationships, our community, or even your church.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid.
Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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 on earth.**

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
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 Emmanuel! #737206-A

INVITATION TO THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25

SONG *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 earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

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SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-20

SERMON

Christmas In Crisis
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

CAROL

Silent Night , Holy 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 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.**

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SONG

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

***Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!***

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

**Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Albright
Richard Crowell
Sandy Doubek
Falcone family
Lynn Gould
Graber family

Trey Halkett
Peggy Kay
Peg Kershaw
Dot Lynch
Dick McNeal
Betty Miller

Robert Ochotny
Muriel Resh
John Riley
Doug Weiss
Carolyn Wittrock

Prayer requests from extended family and friends

(listed in the order received):

Burt and Madalyn, parents of Brad Saler
Parents of Carrie Meersman
Bob Hewitt, father of Holly Stevens
Mother of Katie Rosenberg
Steven Jones, son of Charlie Jones
Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko
Beth Hedges and the situation in Armenia
The Hatfield family, friends of Pam Elliott
Maddy Baker, friend of Alice Rogerson



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and we live out our faith together.**