

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We hope that in this place, you encounter
something of the divine
in the faces and voices of those around you.

In an era where many hunger for
authentic connection,
we seek, however imperfectly, to follow Christ
through our relationships with one another and
our wider West Chester community.

In a hurting world, we cling to the hope
that God's plan is not destruction, but love,
and that love comes not only at the end of time
but here and now.
Jesus invites us each to take part in this work.

We know that being part of Christian community
does not answer all our doubts,
but offers comfort in sorrow,
a challenge to despair, and connects us
to a group of people
with whom we can live out our questions
and who share our desire to make this world
more just and peaceful for all.

We are so glad you are here. Merry Christmas.

All are welcome in worship.
We are a community of people of
all ages who cry, vocalize, stim, fuss, stand, sit,
and come and go as needed.
The sounds of people are the joyful noise of God's creation.

Audio amplifiers are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.
The Nursery is open this evening. The service will be streaming to a
children's play area in Fellowship Hall (next to the sanctuary).

Assisting in worship today:

Lyndsay Spaziani, Soprano

Liturgists: Margot Miskiewicz and Lachlan Raws

Pageant Speakers: Vivian Gross, Eloise Kauffman,

Maggie McClure, Matthew Minicozzi, and William Richards.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Jaime, Mia & Molly Arnold

Greeters & Offering: Stu and Suzy Levy; Julia Ortiz;

Ben and Matt Pantazes; Joe Schorn

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Andrew Esqueda, Senior Pastor

Rev. Caroline Cupp, Senior Associate Pastor

Sándor Kádár, Director of Music

Sara Pantazes, Director of Faith Formation

Elizabeth Hess, Director of Engagement

Amanda Erno, Children's Music Director

Ann Ellis, Choir Accompanist

Kiana Rivera, Lead Singer, Contemporary Band

Jennifer Rosenberg, Preschool Director

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PREPARING THE WAY

Order of Worship for
Christmas Eve
10 am | December 24, 2025

Prelude

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Call to Worship

We come to prepare the way:

The way for Christ.

The hope of Christ, the peace of Christ, the joy of Christ,
the love of Christ:

**The one who enters our world
and makes a home in our hearts.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We come to be part of the true light:

**The light of Christ comes into the world,
the light that shines in the darkness.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn 133*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome

Passing of the Peace*

Christmas Prayer - At **R**, respond with "**Glory to God in the Highest**"

Almighty God, our hearts are alive as Christmas Day draws near. **R**

May hope sustain us as we follow the light you bring into the
dark places of our lives and this world. **R**

May peace lighten the loads we carry and strengthen us. **R**

May joy fill us as it did Mary, Joseph and the shepherds

as they witnessed Jesus arriving to be with us. **R**

May love inspire us to share grace with everyone we encounter. **R**

King Jesus is here, the light of our world. **R, Amen.**

* Please rise in body or spirit

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Christmas Pageant

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

Scene 1 - It's Time
Hymn 137 - He Came Down (all verses)

Scene 2 - Let it Be With Me
Hymn 82 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (both verses)

Scene 3 - I'm an Easygoing Guy
Hymn 119 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 and 2)

Scene 4 - Good News to Ordinary People
Hymn 136 - Go, Tell It on the Mountain (vs. 1 and 2)

Scene 5 - Whoa!
Hymn 110 - Love Has Come (vs. 1 and 2)

Scene 6 - We Really Did It
Hymn 134 - Joy to the World

Blessing and Sending

Postlude Go, Tell It on the Mountain
arr. Richard Elliott

This year's Christmas Pageant, Don't Freak Out, is an original script by Katherine Willis Pershey and adapted for First Pres by Sara Pantazes.

Christmas Poinsettias

Given by: Adams, Barbara & George	In Memory of: Our Parents, George & Donna Mae Nutt and Helen & Robert Kerr Harold & Shirley Alderfer Marvin Bentley Margaret G. & Melvin O. Rockefeller, Aura W. & George H. Blankley, Jr. Marjean Brauch Peter Dunbar Deceased Members of the Buckley & Tassone Families Richard & Rae Kauffman Our Parents Patty Court (Aunt), Harold Court (Uncle), Bob Coxé (Uncle), Emma “B” Abernethy Florence Creager Gilbert & Dixie Arbuckle Our first granddaughter: Kaia Alessia Dickey John McColgin Loved Ones Jilda Arzarelli William F. Foxx, M.D. Loved Ones Bruce Gansner Uncle Brian Hambleton, Gene Rader Janet & Ed Hartzell Loved Ones Annetta & P. Edward Jefferis (Mom & Dad), Amanda Jo Jefferis (Daughter) Johnston & Staniloff Family Loved Ones Julia & Ed Larkin, James Keiler, Lynne Keiler Wallace, Alyson Keiler Brant, Janice & Joe Luttrell, Joan & John Peterson, Mark & Lori Peterson, David & Beth Peterson Wright, Pearl & Sam Swayne Shirley Kreitler Richard Trevor Lawman Loved Ones Donald C. Lidle Evelyn & Joseph Poulson, Nicholas & Veronica Bohonek, Our Beloved Dog Ned Julie Mars Parents Richard & Minnie Funk, Brother D. Richard Funk Reverend & Mrs. Earl Tyson Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Huddle and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas MacBride Loved Ones Thomas McCarter Nana & Poppy Doc My Parents: Anna & Alfred Miller Our Parents Anne L. & O.C. Norton Our Parents & Grandparents Gene Rader Marilyn Buckler
Alderfer, Rebecca Bentley, Anna Blankley, Mary Ellen & Rick	
Brauch, Manfred Brown, Sally Buckley, Russ & Lisa	
Claeys, Brian & Julie Congdon-Martin, Doug & Beth Coxe, Gail	
Creager, Mark & Elizabeth D'Ginto, Jill & Domenic and Family Dickey, Ann & David Esqueda Family Evons, Thalia & Don Ferdik, Nancy and Family Foxx, Patricia Galloway, Peter Gansner, Vicki Hambleton Family Hartzell Children & Grandchildren Haughton, Jim & Nancy Jefferis, James	
Johnston, Toni Keiler, Carol	
Kreitler, Paul Lawman & Marcelli Family Lewis, Elle & Family Lidle, Amy & Barbara Listwak, Ken & Erin	
Mars, Rick Mason, Shirley	
MacBride, Velma & Earl MacBride, Earl & Velma	
MacFadden, Karol & Family McCarter, Jacqueline McClure, Doc, Emily & Maggie Miller, Stephen Myhre, Charlie & Kathie Norton, Evelyn Ohms, Nancy & Dan Rader, Gail Ray, Bill & Dorothy	

Given by: Richards, Jane Robinson, Mary Ann & Carl Ross, Darlene Scott, Barbara Siegfried, Jackie Single, Liz, Craig, Andrew & Daniel Smith, Bob & Eileen Smith, Brenda Smith, Richard & Susan Snyder, Barb Stevens Family Stone, David & Judy	In Memory of: Ellen M. Tyson Our Son Scott and Parents Faragasso & Rosenthal Families Loved Ones Michael Siegfried and Other Family Members John Ahlfeld and David Single Kyle B. Smith Parents Loved Ones Loved Ones George Thompson Parents: Jack & Kay LaBarre, Gene & Ruth Stone Our Parents and Lana's Brother, Dennis Fisher Our Parents Donald E. Scott Pat & Mike Townsend Parents Paul & Nancy Ford, James & Patricia Turner Dear Friend Ellen Tyson Our Parents
Given by: Adams, Barbara & George	In Honor of: Our Grandchildren - Chelsey, Michael, Kaitlyn, Gabriel, Courtney, Seth, Lilly, Olivia & Alex Olivia, Ava, Dylan, Connor & Sloan Our Three Grandchildren - Wrenly, Reese & Weston Megan, Isaiah, Desmond & Maddox Esqueda Our Grandchildren - Annie, Cooper & Penny Heaver Brad Jefferis (My Best Friend) Grandchildren: Henry, Sylvie & Alice Audrey & Payton Rader, Baby Sellers Our Children and Grandchildren Our Grandchildren Children & Grandchildren Janet Thompson and Mike, Emily & Amanda Stevens Our Children & Grandchildren: Sarah, Gregg, Karen, Brian, Bennett & Aven Brian, Julie & Ralphie Claeys Our Children & Grandchildren
Bragg, Tom & Suzanne Buckley, Russ & Lisa	
Esqueda, Andrew Heaver, Phil & Gwyn	
Jefferis, James Levy, Stuart & Suzanne Rader, Gail Robinson, Carl & Mary Ann Russell, Dave & Jean Smith, Richard & Susan Stevens, Kristy	
Stone, David & Judy	
Turner Family (Bailey, Bailey & Roxy) Zumbano, George & Gerri	