

# Order of worship

December 24, 2020  
Christmas Eve, 9pm

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## Prelude

“For Unto Us *with Joy to the World*”  
arranged by Keith Christopher

## Opening Hymn #23

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

## Call to Worship

One: God is in this place  
Many: Hope has come to the world  
O: God is in this world  
M: Peace has come to creation  
O: God is in this place  
M: Joy has come into our lives  
O: God is in this world  
M: Love has come to each child of the Holy  
O: The people cried out for Emmanuel to come  
M: God is with us. The Christ child has come

## Lighting the Christ Candle Advent Song

“Come to the Stable” by Colin Pritchard

**Chorus:** Come to the stable  
In from the field  
Follow the star  
Have no fear  
For unto you this night is born  
...**Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christ**

## Prayer of Confession

Most Holy God, this night we bring the truth of our lives to you. We know you are our cause for hope, and yet we have behaved in hopeless ways. We know you are the one who leads to peace, and yet we have been a warring people in our hearts and homes. We know you are the source of joy in this world, and yet we often linger in anger and unforgiveness. We know you are the author of love, and yet we often fail to receive that love for ourselves or offer it to another. In your grace please forgive our moments of failing to shine. Light our way and spirits once again.

## Assurance of Pardon

Fear not! Be not afraid! For unto us all has been born this night the light of the world, the Savior, the prince of peace. We have been given this gift through God’s love. We are forgiven and we are free.

## Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-20

**Message**

Natural Grace

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism**

*Eliora Ese Saaku*

Daughter of Alfred Appiah and Jennifer Afua Amponsah

**Prayers of the People**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
let us pray for the life of the world,  
saying: O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .  
With Mary, help us to treasure and ponder  
the gift that has been given to us,  
a gift of good news and great joy for all.  
O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .  
With the prophets, help us to proclaim  
the promise of your peace for all nations  
and your justice for all people.

O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**  
We pray for this community . . .  
With the shepherds, help us to keep watch  
over those entrusted to our care  
and all who need protection this night.

O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**  
We pray for loved ones . . .  
With the angels, help us to offer  
signs of hope, comfort, and joy  
for all who live in fear.

O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**  
Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world,  
help us to bear witness to your light  
so that all may believe and have life in you;  
in your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

**Musical Meditation**

“Breath of Heaven” arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Song**

“O Holy Night”

**Benediction and Blessing**

**Postlude**

“Silent Night” on the Busch Memorial Chimes

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**Rev. Colin Pritchard, Pastor  
Alfred Appiah, Ministry Intern  
Ayn Patrowicz, Organist**

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church** IN VICTOR  
WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

## *Poinsettias*

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Poinsettias adorn our sanctuary this Christmas season.  
We would like to acknowledge those who donated  
and those to whom they are dedicated.

## *In Memory Of:*

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**Nancy Olson**

**Robert (Steve) Olson**

**Brian & Mary Wisner**

**Raymond & Patricia O'Connor  
Raymond & Patricia Wisner  
Brian Francis O'Connor Jr.  
Raymond O'Connor Jr.**

**Lewis & Phyllis Stewart**

**Robert L. Stewart**

**Sue Reh**

**David Reh**

**Shirley Roets**

**Ardean L. Roets  
David A. Roets  
Marc Loan**

**John & Sue Toomey**

**Welsey Kujawski  
John Willian & Lillian Toomey & Betty**

## *In Honor Of:*

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**Tom & Jean Hassett**

**Micah Paul  
Emmie Grace**