

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025 5:30 pm



Order of Worship

Christmas Eve December 25, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Prelude

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Will Benton, organist

arr. Jim Lucas

Call to Worship

John 1:1-14

Carol No. 140

Once in Royal David's City

solo verse 1, choir verse 2, choir and congregation verses 3&4

Lighting of the Advent candles and the Christ candle

The world says, "All is lost." God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying." The light says, "The fire is catching."

We pray for the holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Hope.

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole,

for peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.

We pray for the holy peace of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Peace.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

The world says, "Worry," and we say, "Rejoice."

The news says, "Fear," and we say, "Rejoice."

We pray for hope, peace, and joy.

Come now, O child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Joy.

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable called a nursery,

with a light of love. We rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Love.

"Good news of great joy," the angel said, "for to you a savior is born."

"Peace on earth," the choir sang, "for God reigns in the highest."

"Follow me," the star beckoned, "For Hope was born in Bethlehem."

Glory and praise to God for Christ's light shining in the world.

Emmanuel has come and is coming. Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

*Carol No. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Call to Confession and Unison prayer

The holy child of Bethlehem came to cast out sin and to bring to us the gift of salvation.

Let us open our hearts to receive what God seeks to give.

**Holy God, you have come among us in Jesus Christ,
hallowing our humanity and embodying love.**

**We confess that we rejoice to celebrate Christ's birth,
but we fail to follow the path of discipleship Jesus sets before us.**

We do not love God with all our heart, soul, and might.

Nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves.

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

(Time of silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peace on earth, mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Glory to God in the highest!

*Passing of the Peace

*Carol No. 147

The First Nowell (verses 1-4)

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 145

What Child is This

Children's Christmas Story

*Carol No. 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Christmas Eve Offering

Amid the Winter's Snow
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

**Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

Solo

O Holy Night
Robb Ross, soloist

Adolphe Adam

The Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*The Medley of Carols and Lighting of Candles

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

***It came upon a 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 men, from heaven's all-gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.***

***Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, The blessed angels sing.***

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.***

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 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.***

Postlude

A Joyous Christmas
Will Benton, Organist

arr. John Leavitt

**Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

Merry Christmas!

END OF THE YEAR GIVING



We are grateful for any year end donations you are able to make to Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Many people also make special year end gifts as a part of their financial plans.

- ◆ Place in the offering plate, **on or before Sunday, December 28, 2025.**
- ◆ If mailing, **donations must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**
- ◆ You may also give through **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** via “Online Giving” on our website, plpc.org.
- ◆ If you wish to drop your donation off at the church office, **received in the church office by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.**



Holiday Office Hours

Church Holiday Office Hours

- ◆ Wednesday, December 24 - 9:00 am—12noon
- ◆ Thursday, December 25 - Church office closed
- ◆ Wednesday, December 31 - 9:00 am—12noon
- ◆ Thursday, January 1 - Church office closed

Park Lake Child Care Center

- ◆ Closed December 23, 2025 - January 2, 2026

Special Thanks

Choir Director - Robb Ross
Organist- Will Benton

String Quartet

Violin 1 - Justin Stanley
Violin 2 - Allison Emmert
Viola - Lisa Loucks
Cello - Courtney Gallon

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