

# *Worship at First Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 10 am*

*"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.  
And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me,  
but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son  
and believes in him shall have eternal life. . . ." (John 6:38–40)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, eternal light.

We praise you!

Jesus, King of glory, sun of justice, son of the virgin Mary.

We praise you!

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, everlasting Lord, Prince of Peace.

We praise you!

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, our help and our refuge.

We praise you!

Jesus, God of peace, friend of all, source of life and of holiness.

We praise you!

Jesus, brother of the poor, goodness without measure, unending wisdom.

We praise you!

Jesus, good shepherd, true light, our way and our life.

We come today to worship and praise you! Amen.

CAROL SING (Part 1)

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| 2  | <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>      |
| 8  | <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i> |
| 9  | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>            |
| 13 | <i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>             |
| 14 | <i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>         |

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| 22 | <i>Angels, From the Realms of Glory</i>  |
| 23 | <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>  |
| 25 | <i>Away in a Manger</i>  |
| 28 | <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>   |
| 29 | <i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>   |
| 31 | <del><i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i></del><br><i>(We'll sing it as our closing hymn)</i> |
| 36 | <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>  |
| 37 | <i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>   |
| 38 | <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>   |
| 40 | <i>Joy to the World</i>  |
| 41 | <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>   |
| 44 | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>  |
| 48 | <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>  |
| 49 | <i>Once in Royal David's City</i>  |
| 53 | <i>What Child Is This</i>  |
| 56 | <i>The First Nowell</i>  |
| 59 | <i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>  |
| 60 | <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>  |

WHY DO WE SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS, AND WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

CAROL SING (Part 2)

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MEDITATION: *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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HYMN #31: *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

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|------------------|---|
| TODAY            | Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)<br>Sharing Table (before and after the service)                   |
| Tuesday, Dec. 31 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)   |
| Sunday, Jan. 5   | Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)<br>Caring Hearts (after the service in the parlor) |

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