

Prayer of Thanksgiving and *The Lord's Prayer*

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

The Lord's Supper

*(All who are baptized are invited to share in The Lord's Supper.)*

Prayer after Communion

### ***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE***

\*John 1:1-14 *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

\*Hymn 122                      ***Silent Night, Holy Night***                      STILLE NACHT  
*(During the singing of the hymn, pass the light from the Christ Candle to your neighbor.  
After the benediction you may leave as Silent Night continues.)*

\*Benediction

\*All who are able, please stand.

We welcome guest trumpeters Ian Rutledge and Nick Severance.

***Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>***  
***Single Worship Service ~ 10:00 a.m.***

### ***Sunrise Presbyterian Church Staff***

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# ***Christmas Eve***



## ***Candlelight Service***

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

### *Service of Lights*

7:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023

Entering God's Presence

**Noel Nouvelet**

Raymond Haan

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Ian Rutledge and Nick Severance, *trumpet*

Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Come, all who are waiting; there is good news of great joy!*

*People: God has come among us in a baby of humble birth.*

*Leader: Join the multitudes who sing, "Glory to God in the highest."*

*People: Give thanks to God, for God's light has dawned among us.*

(Congregation is seated.)

Introit

***O Holy Night***

Adolphe Adam

*Trumpets and Organ*

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Congregational Response (from Hymn 113)

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

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### ***WORDS OF PROMISE***

Isaiah 40: 1, 2

*Comfort, Comfort my people . . .*

Isaiah 9:2, 6

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . .*

Instrumental

***Veni Emmanuel***

arr. Nigel Williams

Ian Rutledge and Nick Severance, *trumpet*

Isaiah 11:1-3

*A shoot from the stump of Jesse . . .*

Hymn 133

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** (vv. 1 & 3)

ADESTE FIDELES

### ***OUR LORD'S NATIVITY***

Luke 1:26-33

*. . . the angel Gabriel was sent by God . . .*

Hymn 140

***Once in Royal David's City*** (vs. 1 & 2)

IRBY

Luke 2:1, 3-7

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus . . .*

Hymn 121

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

ST. LOUIS

### ***THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS***

Luke 2:8-14

*In that region there were shepherds . . .*

Hymn 143

***Angels, from the Realms of Glory*** (vv. 1-2)

REGENT SQUARE

Luke 2:15-20

*"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place . . ."*

Hymn 127

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

MENDELSSOHN

### ***THE WISE MEN WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING***

Matthew 2:1-6

*In the time of King Herod . . . wise men from the East . . .*

Hymn 147

***The First Nowell*** (vv. 1-3)

THE FIRST NOWELL

Matthew 2:7, 9-11

*When they saw that the star had stopped . . .*

\*Hymn 134

***Joy to the World***

ANTIOCH

Christmas Eve Meditation

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

The Offering of our Gifts to God

Offertory

***Divinum Mysterium***

arr. Nigel Williams

Ian Rutledge and Nick Severance, *trumpet*

\*At the Presentation

***We Three Kings of Orient Are***

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse far,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

***People: We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***