



LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 31, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

First
Presbyterian
Church of Northville



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Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you!

Please join us for coffee and tea in Boll Hall after the service.

We Believe

We believe relationships are key to understanding God and enjoying life together.

We seek to create a community that mirrors God's unconditional acceptance and love.

We value and are centered in scripture.

We honor and worship a God who is constantly at work for the good of every person in every place.

We welcome all regardless of politics, gender, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We are called to love as God loves.

We're glad you're here!



Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

Welcome

Prelude

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Announcements

***Gathering Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (v 1&2) **#133**

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

***Call to Worship** (read responsively)

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

**All: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

One: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

**All: We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

One: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**All: In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Prayer**

The First Lesson—Isaiah 9:2-7

***Carol** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (v 1&5) **#123**

1 It came upon the 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 all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

5 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Second Lesson—Isaiah 11:1-10

***Carol** *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* (v 1&2) **#129**

1 Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

Third Lesson—Luke 1: 26-38

***Carol** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (v 1&2)

#119

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Fourth Lesson—Matthew 1: 18-25

***Carol** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v 1&2)

#121

1 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.

2 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.

Fifth Lesson—Luke 1: 39-58

***Carol** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* (v 1&2) **#100**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Sixth Lesson—Luke 2: 1-7

***Carol** *Joy to the World* (v 1&2) **#134**

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Seventh Lesson—Luke 2: 8-20

***Carol** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (v 1&2)

#132

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Eighth Lesson—Luke 2: 21-38

***Carol** *What Child Is This* (v 1&3)

#145

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Ninth Lesson—Matthew 2: 1-12

Call for the Offering

Offertory

The Starlight Carol
Chancel Choir

Dr. Jerry Custer

***Affirmation of Faith** *(read responsively)*

In the beginning was the Word,

**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overtake it.**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.

**He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

**He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him,
yet the world did not know him.**

He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who received him,
who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,
who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* (v 3 & Refrain) **#136**

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Postlude

Noel XX

Louis-Claude Daquin

Worship Leaders and Staff:

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The Bulletin Board

Poinsettias—Please feel to take one home.

Christmas Decoration Clean Up—Plan on staying after worship next week, Sunday, January 7, as we take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work!



Red Cross Blood Drive—January 5 from 12-6 pm in the CLC. There is a nationwide shortage so please consider donating today. Make your appointment on-line at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville), or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Your donation will help save a life!

Agape Women's Bible Study—Please join us for "ELIJAH" by Priscilla Shirer. Get your bundle copy (book+streaming video) today at Lifeway.com. The book will be shipped to your home and the video will be a rental accessible to you which can be watched each week. We will meet on Friday's at 9:15 am in Boll Hall beginning on Friday, January 12th. All are welcome so bring a friend! For more information, contact Gretchen Mizerowski (gmizerowski@yahoo.com) or Carol Maise at (Maise729@yahoo.com).

Yoga Class Resumes— on Thursday, January 11th at 6:15 pm in the CLC (Gym).

Session 1: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

Session 2: February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, April 4
(No class March 28 Maundy Thursday)

Session 3: April 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23 (No class April 25)
The cost is \$60 for each 6 week session. Drop in rate is \$15. Join anytime. All levels are welcome. For more information, contact Ann Werther at annwerther@yahoo.com.

Extended Communion:

If you are interested in receiving communion at home on January 7th, we would love to bring it to you. Please contact stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org to be added to the list.

Also let Stephen know if you ordained and would like to serve extended communion.



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Jim Atkinson; Grant Beringer; Sue Byun; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Louise Fisher; the family of Helen Friess; Kathy Gricius; Ron and Lois Housman; Nancy Kaatz; the family of Tom Lahiff; Donald Morgan; Jeanne Planet; Georgeann Stringer; June Tervo; Melissa Weiss; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Heather Belkadi, (daughter of Tammy Fulton); Rick Custer (brother of Jerry Custer); Donna (neighbor of Kathy Gricius); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Verne Dalum (cousin of Bev Hines); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Family and friends of Tara Franey; Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Grandson of a friend of Janet Heath-Morgan; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Arden Lee (friend of Abbe MacDonald); Roger Lakin (brother of Jennie Macy); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Sheila York Marold & family; Roxanne McLaughlin (friend of Anne Haritgan); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Melanie Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Marc Noga (friend of Jim & Liz Murtfeldt); Kimmy Odtohan (preschool teacher); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Christine Snell (friend of Kathy Gricius); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Kelly Williams and family (former members and friends of FPCN); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

All Caregivers

All Military Personnel currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023—JANUARY 7, 2024

Sun. 12/31	8:45 am 10:00 am	Kerygma, Middle School Room Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
Mon. 1/1		New Year's Day Office Closed
Tue. 1/2		Office Closed
Wed. 1/3	8:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:15 pm	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom Property Committee, Music Room Worship Committee, Gathering Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room Chancel Choir Potluck, Boll Hall
Thurs. 1/4	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Room
Fri. 1/5	11:00 am	Blood Drive, CLC
Sat. 1/6	9:00 am	Officer Training, Boll Hall
Sun. 1/7		Communion Sunday & Installation of Elders and Deacons 8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing 6:30 pm GAP & APEX Youth Groups, Youth Room

