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# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

7:00 PM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: Bell Choir

PROLOGUE

*Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Doug Russell, Liturgist*

One: Today, we visit the old story we know so well. Hearing it and seeing it as for the first time.

**All: We open our ears and our eyes to discover what good news God is still sharing with us.**

One: We tell the story to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

**All: Let us make room in our hearts for the indwelling of our Savior.**

\*HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

FIRST LESSON

SECOND LESSON

CAROL #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser  
Liturgist*

## WE FOLLOW GOD INTO THE WORLD

CAROL "Silent 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  
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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  
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CHRISTMAS BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

POSTLUDE

The worship service is adapted from Christine Trevino's  
"Christmas Through the Carols."

# **First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY**

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

## **December 24, 2022**

- **Today's Ushers:** Marty Pond and Peg Brussel
- **Bible Study:** will resume the week of Jan. 29.
- **Christmas Day Worship:** Sun., Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.
- **Church Office** will be closed on Mon., Dec. 26.
- **Church Women United Open House:** Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **A Congregational Meeting** for the sole purpose of calling Kirsty Dickson Maret to be the installed pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Baldwinsville will be held immediately following worship Jan. 8, 2023.
- **A Welcome and Meet the Candidate** event is set for 1-3 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Fellowship Hall of the CE Building and the entire congregation is invited to attend. This will be a time for fellowship and conversation with Kirsty. In addition, Kirsty will be leading worship Jan. 8. A biography and picture of Kirsty will be sent out next week, so be on the lookout for that email.

### **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Barry Bullis; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon; Freida Mason



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Interim Pastor-----Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine  
Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks Organist-----Lee Johnston  
Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond Administrative Assistant---Elizabeth Bayer  
Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme Treasurer-----Diana Anastas  
Nursery School Director--Jessica Newcomb

### **Identity Statement**

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

## Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

THIRD LESSON  
FOURTH LESSON  
CAROL #600 "Song of Mary"

*Liturgist*  
**Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser**

### O Holy Night

FIFTH LESSON  
CAROL

"O Holy Night"

*Liturgist*

Original lyrics by Placide Cappaeu  
Excerpted lyrics below by John Sullivan Dwight

#### Verse 1

O holy night! The stars are brightly  
shining, It is the night of the dear  
Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error  
pining, Till He appear'd and the soul  
felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the  
weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

#### Chorus 1

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel  
voices! O night divine, O night when  
Christ was born; O night divine, O night,  
O night divine.

#### Verse 3

Truly He taught us to love one  
another; His law is love and  
His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our  
brother; And in His name all oppression  
shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus  
raise we, Let all within us praise His holy  
name.

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#### Chorus 3

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name  
forever, His power and glory evermore  
proclaim.  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

### The First Noel

SIXTH LESSON  
CAROL #56 "The First Nowell" (vs 1-4)

**Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser**

### WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

### The Lord is Born on This Day

SEVENTH LESSON

*Liturgist*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER  
CALL FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
OFFERING  
OFFERTORY: "Lovely Child, Holy Child"  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### Silent Night

THE CHRISTMAS GREETING (responsive)  
The advent of Christ has happened.

#### Thanks be to God!

The light of the world has and constantly comes in the person of Christ born  
this silent and joyous night.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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