

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS - 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.

SHARING THE LIGHT of CHRIST

*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 overcome it.*
John 1:1-5

*Hymn #122 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT
(children sing stanza one, congregation follows)

*Benediction

*Hymn #134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* ARR MELODY BOBER

Worship Leadership ...

Pastor
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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024 • 6PM

Prelude *Nativity Medley* ARR JOHN PURIFOY

WELCOME and LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLES

*"I am bringing you news of great joy for all people.
For unto you is born this day a savior, who is Christ the Lord.
This will be a sign for you, you will find the babe wrapped
in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."
- - Luke 2:10-12*

INVOCATION (Unison)

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Processional Hymn #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

*LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

Many: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Many: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Many: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**Many: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world, and those who live in it.**

One: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God,
who is coming.

**Many: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with
righteousness, and the people with equity and truth.
Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST LOUIS

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 9:2-7* pew bible, p. 555
"The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah"

CAROL #110 *Love Has Come* BRING A TORCH

THE SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9* pew bible, p. 558
"The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation"

CAROL #119 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

THE THIRD LESSON *Luke 1:26-38* pew bible, p. 831
"An Angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child"

DUET *Gently* CECIL AND ASHTON BARBER
Emily Gary and Chelsea Stern

THE FOURTH LESSON *Matthew 1:18-25* pew bible, p. 783
"An Angel appears to Joseph revealing God's promised Messiah"

CHORAL ANTHEM *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* TRAD. POLISH MELODY
ARR BENJAMIN DAVID KNOEDLER

THE FIFTH LESSON *Luke 2:1-7* pew bible, p. 832
"Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child"

CAROL #115 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

THE SIXTH LESSON *Luke 2:8-16* pew bible, p. 833
"Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah"

CAROL #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Away in a Manger* ARR HEATHER SORENSON
*The loose cash offering tonight will go to support the 'Special Needs Fund' which
provides funds for members and community members in need.*