

Welcome to all who gather here today.

We hope the service enables you to worship God meaningfully.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRESERVICE MUSIC

For Good - Stephen Schwartz (*sung by Casey McEniry*)

Little Drummer Boy - Davis, Onorati & Sumeon/arr Kahn (*Donna Potts, Piano*)

Christmas Medley (*sung by Johanna Heine & Trish Bangit*)

Still, Still, Still - Trad/Ehret (*sung by Meredith Bolinger*)

The Holly and the Ivy - Richard Walters (*sung by Dana Maiuro & Trish Bangit*)

Go, Tell It on the Mountain - Trad/Burleigh (*Emily Dallas, Saxophone*)

The Light of Christmas Morn - Hart/Modlin (*sung by Dana Maiuro*)

I Wonder as I Wander - John Jacob Niles (*sung by Terry Fouse*)

Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth - Kohan, Grossman & Fraser/Simone, Onorati and

Davis (*sung by Margaret Crozer & Jeremy Mills*)

Silver Bells/Where Are You Christmas? - Livingston, Evans/Horner, Jennings, Carey

(*sung by Casey McEniry. accompanied on piano by Bob Lowden*)

What Child Is This - Trad/Prins (*Handbells*)

O Holy Night – Adolphe Adams (*sung by Wendy Huber*)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Carol of the Bells Processional
(Hand Bell Choir)

Arr. Burkhardt

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The McAteer Family

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
(Hand Bell Choir)

Trad. German/Prins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!

Tonight the angels sing on earth.

Glory to God in the highest!

***HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PH 41

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible p. 638 in the OT)

SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible p. 58 in the NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

"A Partridge in a Pear Tree?"

Rev. Terry Fouse

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PH 31

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

Mary Did You Know/Mary's Song

Lowry & Green/Amy Grant

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

There's Still My Joy Chapman (*sung by Casey McEniry*)
Light of the World Daigle/Duncan/Mabury (*sung by Dana Maiuro*)

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.**

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

***HYMN**

Silent Night

PH 60

**Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

PreacherRev. Terry Fouse
Reader Elke McAteer
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Pat Andrus – 499-1038
Communion Servers..... Donna Potts, Gordon Potts, John Burke, Elke McAteer

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, Christ the Savior is born

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, Christ the Savior is born

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship this Sunday, December 30 -- Plan on bringing your leftover Christmas treats to fellowship this Sunday. This is a chance to share your holiday bounty with your church family.

The Wanderers will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall at church. We will be hosting the senior group (Survivors) from the United Presbyterian Church in Yardville. Our lunch will be hoagies, salads, and desserts. Our program will be presented by Dr. Bob Lowden who will lead us in singing some old familiar songs. All seniors of the church and their friends are invited to a fun filled afternoon. Sign up sheet will be on the back counter.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: *Spam--canned meats--tuna--cereal--soap.* Please place items in the basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, go to: ***Facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry.***



*Our church now can accept online giving!
Check out the "Give Now" button in the top right
corner on our website.*

← QR Code for online giving

*Our office manager Sheri Devlin's hours are 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.
September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.*

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Mon 12/24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	Pre-Service Concert.....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
	Worship and Communion	8:00 pm
Tues 12/25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
Thurs 12/27	AA	7:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 12/30	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal.....	<i>following worship</i>
Mon 12/31	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 1/1/19	<i>Happy New Year!</i>	
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 1/3	AA	7:00 pm
Sun 1/6	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
December 24, 2018, 8:00 pm*



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