

Welcome To Our Christmas Eve Service

Activity bags for children are available in the entry way. A video of tonight's service will be available tomorrow on the church YouTube channel. **See fpcsr.org for link.**

Who We Are:

A vibrant and inclusive community grounded in celebration, service and spiritual growth.

Our Values, Mission & Vision

- A place to belong where all are welcome - in person & online.
- Extending God's love to our community & beyond.
- Offering ministries of care & compassion.
- A progressive gathering space for lifelong learners.
- Encouraging contemplative practices.
- A center for the arts & a place for young musicians.
- Committed to social justice & caring for the earth.
- Our inspirations include our Presbyterian heritage, Celtic Christian spirituality & the wisdom of other faith traditions.

Sunday Services

8:30 am - Contemplative Service in the chapel

10:00 am - Sunday Celebration in the Sanctuary
Featuring Choirs & Guest Musicians
Livestreamed on YouTube

Worship Service Musicians

Amanda Hahn
Chancel Choir
Director and flute

John Steiner, piano
Thayer Jacobs, piano
Jeanette Tietze, organ
Owen Xu, violin

Marquise Usher
Sounds A'Pealing
Handbell Director

Arya Dev, violin
Meg Eldridge, viola
Jessica Ivry, cello

The Chancel Choir

Soprano
Dori Crawford
Marcia DeZwarte
Santee Muirhead
Sue Rostoni
Martha Wall

Alto
Linda Adams
Jan Millsapps
Patsy Mullen
Mary Pritchard
Leslie Purdy
Laurel Stevenson

Tenor
Dave Berta
Erin Berta
Dan Crawford
Marquise Usher

Bass
Ralph Purdy
Jay Jacobs
Jim Turner

Sounds A'Pealing Handbell Choir

Amy Benjamin
Dave Berta
Erin Bertaz
Dan Crawford
Dori Crawford
Lynn MacDermott

Mary Pritchard
Laurel Stevenson
Jim Turner
Marquise Usher
Brianna Voss
Martha Wall
Owen Xu



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
December 24, 2024 • 5:00 PM



Welcome from Pastor Cynthia

It is a joy to have you here for this beautiful service of hope and light as we celebrate Jesus' birth. No matter what you're seeking, our church can connect you to the unconditional and transforming love of God we've come to know in Jesus. Hope to see you again soon.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SAN RAFAEL

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2024 5:00 pm

Pre-Service Music	<i>Pastoral Symphony</i> (Handel) <i>Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming</i> Christmas Time is Here – V. Guaraldi Medley of Carols Candlelight Carol - John Rutter	Jeanette Tietze, Organ Thayer Jacobs, Piano String Quartet John Steiner, Piano	Third Lesson	Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7	Leslie Purdy
Welcome		Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney	Special Music	<i>Ave Maria</i>	John Steiner, piano Owen Xu, violin
Lighting of the Christ Candle		The Astle Family Steve, Jackie, Bea, Charlotte	Fourth Lesson	Angels Visit the Shepherds Luke 2:8-17	Ryan Knauber
*Carol	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>		Reading	Singing of Angels by Howard Thurman	Dinah McClure
First Lesson	A Great Light Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Mike Stone	*Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
Special Music	<i>Celtic Noel</i> arr. by Sondra K. Tucker	Sounds A'Pealing Handbells	Reflection	Love Knows Your Name	Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Reading	<i>Celtic Christmas – Creative Breath</i> by John Birch	Janet Pollack	*Carol	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
*Carol	<i>The First Noel</i>		Fifth Lesson	Magi from the East Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12	Laurel Stevenson
Second Lesson	Mary's Song Luke 1:46-55	Lynn MacDermott	Carol	<i>We Three Kings</i>	
Special Music	<i>Mary's Little Boy Child</i> by Jester Hairston, Arr. by Ed Lojeski	The Chancel Choir	Offering		
Reading	Advent Grace by Kimberly King	Ralph Purdy	Offertory		String Quartet
Carol	<i>What Child Is This</i>		Prayer		Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Reading	Christ of the Cosmos – Readings from Iona	Jeffrey Cochran-Carney	Special Music	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	The Chancel Choir
Special Music	<i>We Three Kings</i> arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski	Sounds A'Pealing Handbells	Lighting of the Candles		
Reading	The Risk of Birth by Madeline L'Engle		Congregational Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	
Carol	<i>It Came Upon A Midnight Clear</i>		Blessing		Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
			*Carol	<i>Joy to the World</i>	
			Recessional	<i>The Angels and the Shepherds</i>	John Steiner, piano