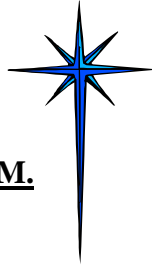


# A Child Is Born

## Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2013

10:45 P.M.



### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great God, enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### INTROIT

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Trad.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Isaiah 9:2, John 1:9, Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:11)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**All: The true light that enlightens everyone was coming in to the world.**

Leader: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.

**All: For to us is born this day in the City of David a Savior Who is Christ the Lord.**

#### HYMN:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 40

#### PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

“The Lone Wild Bird”

Appalachian Tune

*FPC Bell Choir & Violet Burd, clarinet*

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

#### ANTHEM

“The Virgin's Slumber Song” (*Maria Wiegenlied*)

Reger

*Alexis Musgrove, mezzo soprano*

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

#### HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 9

(*verse 1*)

<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		Luke 2:1-7
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“In the Time of Snow” <i>Motet Choir</i>	Chilcot
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		Luke 2:8-14
<b>HYMN</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High” <i>(verse 1)</i>	No. 23
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		Luke 2:15-20
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Some Children See Him” <i>Karen Scher, soprano</i>	Hutson/Burt
<b>MEDITATION</b>		
<b>PRAYER</b>		
<b>HYMN</b>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” <i>(verse 1)</i>	No. 31
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	“Manger Medley”	Hayes
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		
<p><b>Gracious God, Your gifts are surprising and beyond our expectation. Thank you for your gift of Christmas. We join ourselves and our offerings with the shepherds who returned to their work glorifying and praising you for all they had seen and heard. With Mary, we ponder the words and music of this holy event. Transform us as messengers of the good news that we may serve you with visions and high purposes in the days ahead.</b></p>		
<b>RECEIVING THE LIGHT</b>	“Silent Night, Holy Night”	No. 60
<i>(Tip unlit candles to receive the flame from lit one. PLEASE hold candles upright after they are lit.)</i>	<i>Violet Burd, Clarinet</i> <i>Rachael Herriman, flute</i> <i>Karen Scher, soprano</i>	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>HYMN RESPONSE</b>	“Joy to the World!”	Watts

# Merry Christmas

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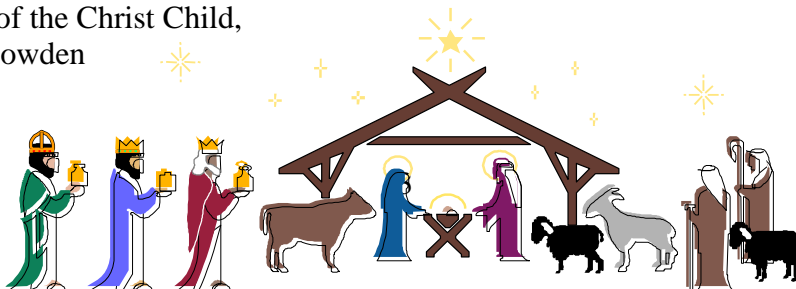
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*Financial Secretary*

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Thank you for attending services at First Presbyterian Church. We hope that tonight's worship service was a blessing to you. For more than two hundred years, First Presbyterian Church has held worship services in Downtown Warren. Our church has been a vital part of Warren's history, service and mission to others. We hope that you might join us during other times of the year. If you are a visitor from far away, we welcome you. If you are visiting family, we hope to see you whenever you visit. If you are looking for a place to hear about God's Son given to humanity, we hope you will come again. Our regular services take place each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. You may also consider listening to us on the radio at 1440 WHKZ-AM or visit us on the web at [www.fpcwarren.org](http://www.fpcwarren.org) or visit on Facebook at *First Presbyterian Church of Warren*.

Again, I hope this service and season have been a blessing to you.

In the Name of the Christ Child,  
Rev. Rusty Cowden



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