

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

(** indicates standing, as you are able)

THE APPROACH

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship and Welcome

Carol **#159 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 4 5)

Arrival of Christ Child

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-6 "Christ's Birth Foretold" Mark Thibau

Carol: **#138 While Shepherds Watched (vs. 1,2,3,6)

Second Lesson: Micah 5: 2-4 "The Spotlight on Bethlehem"

Sophie MacIvor

Carol **#139 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Third Lesson: Luke 1: 24-33 "The Angel's Salutation" Jonathan MacIvor

Story The Littlest Angel Rev. Andrew MacDonald

Carol **#165 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7 "Jesus is Born" Kevin Reid

Anthem Before the marvel of this night

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Offering Prayer

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16 "Visit of the Shepherds"

Norm McComb

Carol **#136 The First Noel (vs 1,2,3)

Sixth Lesson: John 1: 1-14 "The Word Made Flesh"

Rev. Andrew MacDonald

Gift of Music O Holy Night

The Alcorns

Advent Candlelighting:

The MacDonald family

Reader 1: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Reader 2: A child has been born for us; a son given to us.

People: This will be a sign for us: we will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth lying in a manger.

Reader 1: Jesus said, I am the light of the world! We light the Christ Candle to celebrate this light shining from the manger, born for us in Christ Jesus. *(light candle)*

All: Lord Jesus, you have come to be with us so we know God's love will never let us go. Shine in our lives this Christmas to strengthen our trust in you. Make us angels in our time, messengers of your love and peace, your joy and hope. Let our faithfulness shine in the world you love. Amen.

Reader 2: Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace – in the name of the Christ Child, Prince of Peace, our Saviour and our Friend.

** Carol **#154** Silent Night

Lighting of Individual Candles

1 **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 (2x)

**2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born (2x)**

**3 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 (2x)**

**4 Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born! (2x)**

**** Benediction**

Sunday School Bells – Joy to the World!

Carol **#153 Joy to the World

Postlude

*The bulletin this evening is sponsored in loving
memory of Johnny A. MacMillan and Angus Bruce
MacDonald from Chrissie MacMillan, Agnes &
family and Jeannie & Johna*

Minister: Rev. Andrew MacDonald (c) 902-331-0322

Guest Organist: Pierre Aucoin

Carrying the Baby Jesus: Natalie and Bridget

MacLean St. Ushers: Albert van de Pol & Theresa van de Pol

James St. Ushers: Mike Heighton & Cristal van de Pol

Office Door Usher: Chet Fleming

Side Door Usher: Ruth Anne MacIntosh

Middle Door Ushers: Ben & Sam McDow

Balcony Ushers: Mark Thibeau & Larry MacLeod



*To the congregation and families and
visitors of First Church:*

*We would like to offer our heartfelt
wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a
happy and healthy New Year. May all your lives be
filled this season with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.
May God continue to bless you and those close to
you.*

*Blessings of the season,
Rev. Andrew, Lori, Natalie Bell
and Bridget*