

Farragut Presbyterian Church

*Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2017
6:30 and 11:00 p.m.

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;
in its quietness, God's peace.*



*Young worshipers are encouraged to pick up a children's worship bag available in the narthex
prior to the service. Nursery care is available in the Education Wing.*

~The Gathering~

Prelude (6:30)

Christmas Medley
Karena Thurman, violin

(11:00)

What Child Is This? arr. Milligan
In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Staneslow
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent arr. Stutzenberger
Away in a Manger arr. Voltz
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

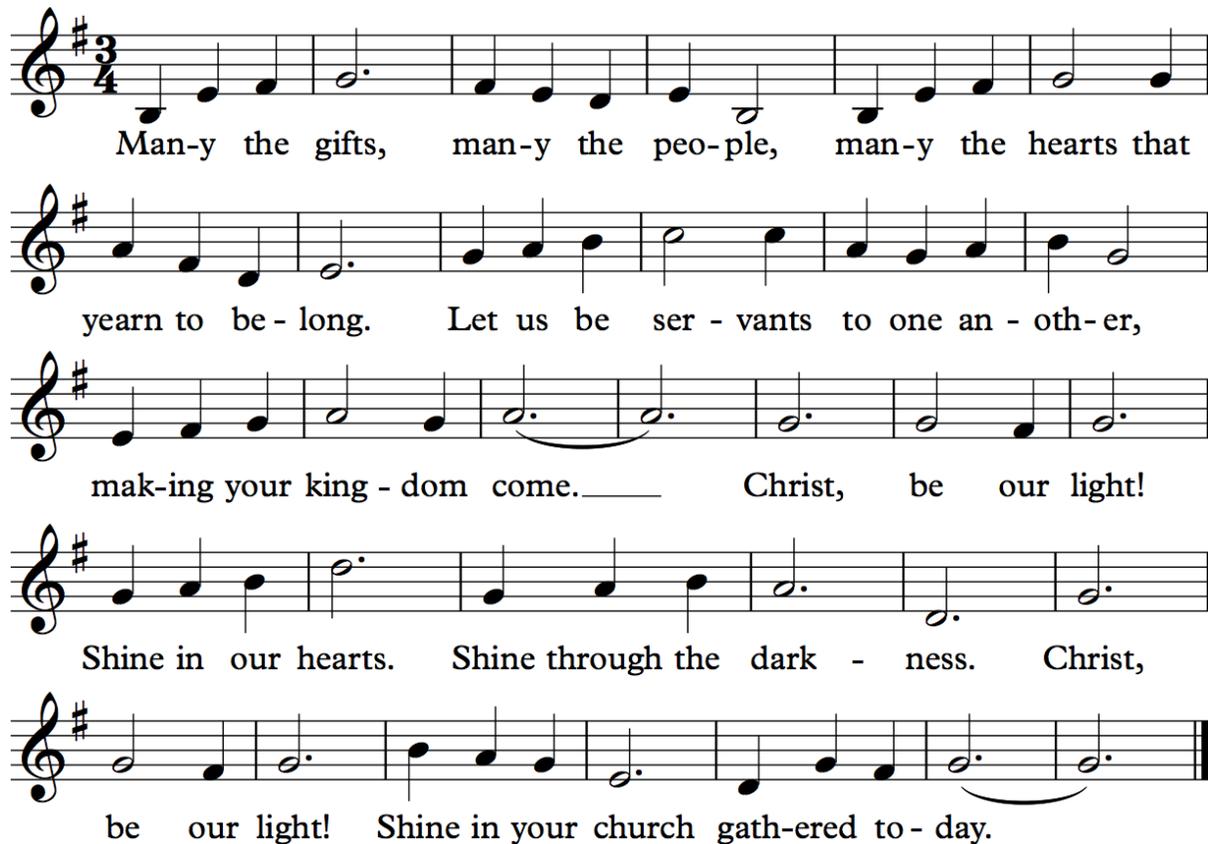
Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Lighting of the Christ Candle

6:30 The San Gils
11:00 The Thodes

Hymn "Christ Be Our Light" from *Glory to God* Christ, Be Our Light



Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the hearts that
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,
mak - ing your king - dom come. Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Leader: On this Christmas Eve, we light this candle of gratitude
for the design God weaves in our lives.
We are meant for communion,
and God brings us together by the great gift of love
we celebrate tonight.

**People: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in the darkness, and show us the way.**

Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Let us worship God.

~The Word~

Anthem (11:00)

O Holy Night

arr. Loucks

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

6:30 Frank Dorman ~ 11:00 Carolyn Neighbors

The Second Lesson:

Psalm 96

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



To - day, to - day, to - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R)**

Proclaim God's help day by day, tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy **(R)**

at the presence of the Lord who comes, who comes to rule the earth,
comes with justice to rule the world, and to judge the peoples with truth. **(R)**

The Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

6:30 Karena Thurman ~ 11:00 Jacob Nieman

Hymn #53

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

6:30 Emily Sweetland ~ 11:00 Patricia Watson

Hymn #38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

A Moment with the Children (6:30)

Rev. Matt Nieman

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

And the word became flesh and lived among us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Appropriate Gift”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith (from the *Scots Confession 3.06*)

When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angels of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Anthem (6:30)

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How do you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow;
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Silent night, holy night, all is calm
and all is bright.
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

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Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him.
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep.
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour;
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger.
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation.
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

(11:00)

The Jesus Gift
Vocal Ensemble

Gilbert Martin

Shall I gather emeralds? Shall I bring him gold?
Shall I gather diamonds? White hard? Bright cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?

Give him laughter; Simple warm laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love.

Shall we gather emeralds? Shall we bring him gold?
Shall we gather diamonds? White hard? Bright cold?
Shall we spangle jewels like stars above?

Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts;
Kindness he'll use as he leads.
So, give him these gifts; hand him your hearts--

Honour his birth and you'll need no:

Emeralds nor rubies. Silver nor gold.
Neither bright diamonds, white hard,
bright cold.
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above.

Give him laughter,
Sweet, peace-filled laughter.
Offer him warm laughter and love.

The Offering

Offertory	<i>The Angel Gabriel</i>	Held
*Response #592	<i>Doxology</i>	Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Dedication		

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~The Sending~

Hymn #60	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	Stille Nacht
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Candle Litany

God called to the shepherds through the voices of the angels whose first words were "Do not be afraid. There is Good News for you!"

And in that instance, all the people who felt that God didn't care about them, had Hope.

The star shone brightly and shines brightly in our lives.

Now no darkness can shut it out.

Go, Tell the Good News. Christ is Born!

Praise be to God who has poured God's Light and Love into our lives once again. Now and forever. Amen.

(candles may be extinguished)

*Hymn #40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

*Benediction

*Response #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Postlude

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
Tami Newsom, organ

Biery



*We invite you to stand as able.



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

~ Luke 2:11



*Welcome to Farragut Presbyterian Church!
We are glad you have joined us for worship.*



We are a diverse community of believers, called by God, graced by Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God through worship in the Reformed tradition, compassionate service to all, and the nurturing of one another so as to grow in faith. May God bless you richly this Christmas. May your times of worship be filled with the Spirit's presence. And may your times of rest be filled with Christ's peace.

Acolytes: 6:30 p.m. Aaron Sharp, Nolan Sharp, Ella Sweetland

Poinsettias decorating our sanctuary have been given by our members in honor and memory of their loved ones and to the glory of God. Please see bulletin insert for a complete listing.

New Year's Eve Worship



Sunday, December 31, 2017
One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School)

We will resume our normal worship schedule on
Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Merry Christmas
from all of us at
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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"

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