

EVENING WORSHIP  
6 o'clock

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night." Psalm 92:1-2

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Christmas Caroling

at 6 o'clock this evening

Conclude the evening with cookies, hot chocolate, hot tea & cider.

Join us this evening for  
Christmas Caroling and Goody Bag Delivery  
to our Home-Bound Members.

(If you would like to assist in filling the goody treat bags,  
please arrive in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 P.M.)

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Crotts  
Vice Moderator: Jay Snow  
Clerk: John Robinson  
2017: Bill Haynes  
2018: John Robinson & Jay Snow  
2019: Ferald Mann  
Elders Emeritus: Jim Knox & Gene Parks

DIACONATE

Chairman: Glenn Owens, 2018  
Vice Chairman: Larry Isley, 2019  
Secretary: Stephen Robinson, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Trustees: Steve Kyaw, Jim Knox,  
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"And they came to Bethlehem  
at the beginning of barley harvest."  
Ruth 1:22, *ESV*

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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, December 17, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP  
11 o'clock

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*The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary.  
The music is a signal for the congregation to observe silence.  
During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation  
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.*

*(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

**Greeting of the Saints**                      The Congregation & Visitors

**Prelude**                      *Carol of the Bells*                      Handbell Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”  
Hebrews 12:28-29, *ESV*

**Salutation**                                      Revelation 1:4-5, *ESV*

**Call to Worship\***                                      Psalm 92, *ESV*

**Hymn of Adoration\***                                      № 52  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*                                      ST. ANNE

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**Affirmation of Faith**                                      The Belgic Confession, Article 18  
  
Of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ

*We confess, therefore, that God did fulfill the promise, which he made to the fathers, by the mouth of his holy prophets, when he sent into the world, at the time appointed by him, his own, only-begotten and eternal Son, who took upon him the form of a servant, and became like unto man, really assuming the true human nature, with all its infirmities, sin excepted, being conceived in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Ghost, without the means of man, and did not only assume human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul, that he might be a real man. For since the soul was lost as well as the body, it was necessary that he should take both upon him, to save both. Therefore we confess (in opposition to the heresy of the Anabaptists, who deny that Christ assumed human flesh of his mother) that Christ is become a partaker of the flesh and blood of the children; that he is a fruit of the loins of David after the flesh; made of the seed of David according to the flesh; a fruit of the womb of the Virgin Mary, made of a woman, a branch of David; a shoot of the root of Jesse; sprung from the tribe of Judah; descended from the Jews according to the flesh; of the seed of Abraham, since he took on him the seed of Abraham, and became like unto his brethren in all things, sin excepted, so that in truth he is our Immanuel, that is to say, God with us.*

**Song of Praise\***                                      № 82  
*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*                                      LORD, WE PRAISE YOU

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

*Most holy and merciful God, you have searched us, and you know us; you are acquainted with all our ways. We confess our sinfulness before you and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**                                      Isaiah 6:6-7, *ESV*

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’ “

**Hymn of Redemption\***                                      № 124  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                                      HYFRYDOL

**Reading of the New Testament**                                      Matthew 1:1-17, *ESV*

**Pastoral Prayer and 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, 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.*

**The Lord’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**                      *Ding Dong, Merrily on High*                      Handbell Choir

**Hymn of Praise\***                                      № 625  
*Doxology*                                      OLD HUNDREDTH

**Offertory Prayer**

**Reading of the Old Testament**                                      Ruth 1-2, *ESV*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Preaching of God’s Holy Word**                                      Rev. Bryan Crotts

*God’s Grace Shines Brightest in Darkness*

**Prayer to Seal God’s Word**

**Hymn of Commitment\***                                      № 138  
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                                      GO TELL IT

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

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Sermon Notes

\*Congregation Standing