

Christmas Eve

AT PINNACLE

December 24, 2020 | 7 pm



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY WORSHIP:

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WELCOME to our online Christmas Eve service. We hope that you will feel a deep sense of peace and purpose as you worship with us in this way. God came into our world in the form of this one Jesus, born as a baby in Bethlehem, who brought hope and new life to all...the Carpenter who is the Christ. We invite you to return to share in our congregational life and mission here at Pinnacle, online and, when possible, in person.

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WE PREPARE

Prelude

Noël provençal
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Michel Corrette

Still, Still, Still
Ruth Wenger, cello • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

arr. Catherine McMichael

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Call to Worship

Born on This Day
Chamber Choir, David E. Allen, director
Marcia Sobek, flute • Chip King, bassoon • Ruth Wenger, cello
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Richard Proulx

*Born on this day, Christ comes forth to save! Born today, salvation appears to us.
Born today, on earth all heaven's angels sing, on earth all angels sing;
on this day rejoicing prophets of old proclaim.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Opening Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Sobek Family

The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light!
Our Advent journey is now complete. The Light of the world is here!

Our hope has been met. Our preparations are done. Our joy has been made perfect.
The love of God has come to live among us. And so, today, we light the candle of Christ.

*What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him Laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Caroline Johnson

Anthem

He is Born

arr. Dan Forrest

Chamber Choir, David E. Allen, director
Marcia Sobek, flute • Chip King, bassoon • Ruth Wenger, percussion
Marti King, piano • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

REFRAIN

*He is born, the divine Christ Child: play the musette and the bagpipe merrily!
He is born the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild!*

*Through long ages of the past, prophets long have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! REFRAIN*

*Oh how lovely, Oh how pure is this perfect Child of heaven;
Oh how lovely, oh how pure, gracious gift to humankind! REFRAIN*

*Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us.
Jesus, Lord, of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace. REFRAIN*

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Wes Avram

Anthem

That Virgin's Child

K. Lee Scott

Chamber Choir, David E. Allen, director

*That virgin's child most meek and mild, alonely for my sake,
his father's will for to fullfill he came great pains to take.
Such pain and smart as in his heart he suffered for his kind
Can no one take, nor mourning make so meekly for a friend.
Now Christ Jesu, of love most true, have mercy upon me:
I ask thee grace for my trespass that I have done to thee.
For thy sweet name save me from shame and all adversity:
For thy dear sake to thee me take, and mourn no more for me,
And mourn no more for me.*

Christmas Prayer

Michael Hegeman

Christmas Offering

Musical Offering

Wexford Carol

arr. Catherine McMichael

Ruth Wenger, cello • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

Sermon

A Night Without

Wes Avram

Music

Silent Night

Paul Avram, guitar

trad.

WE WELCOME THE CHRIST CHILD

Candlelight Service

Michael Hegeman

Introduction and Lighting of Candles

Silent Night, Holy Night

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia",
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

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,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

4 Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Christmas Blessing

Wes Avram

Sending Music

"Christmas Fantasy" on *Antioch, Adeste Fideles, Gloria, and In Dulci Jubilo*

arr. Kubiaczyk-Adler/Hustad/Behnke

Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Christmas brings families together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Whether near or far, the people we share our lives with become our families. Tonight as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Christ Child into the world, we welcome the Sobek Family in lighting The Christ Candle.

Christmas Poinsettias

Given By:	In Celebration of:
Lynne & Wes Avram	The members of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Sara O'Brien's first year as Director of Finance & Operations
Bob and Bill Baer	Hoagy Baer
Jane & John Chapman	The pastors and staff, who have given us joy and inspiration during this pandemic
Janet & Chuck Christoph	Our family
Janis & Tom Fitch	Our children & grandchildren
Sue & Shawn Howard	The Buehler and Howard families
Edward Kasmar Family	Our many blessings!
John Mattox and Janet Post	Bob & Ivine Post
Donna & Tomas McIntosh-Fletcher	Rostin John-Baptiste and Paloma John-Baptiste
Mel Steele	Grandsons Matthew & Ryan Steele
Paulette & Tom White	Pauline Moore and Sherry Richardson

Given by:	In Memory of:
Lynne & Wes Avram	Eugene D. Avram (d. 01/01/1981)
Bob and Bill Baer	Carolyn Baer
Mary Carey	My husband, Mike
Jodi & Mitch Christensen	Grant & Shirley Christensen and Glenn Futrell
Richard & Margaret MacLeod Ebert	Capt. Charles Hudson & Elizabeth MacLeod Nott and their sons Hudson Malcolm and Lawrence Treat
Diane Hall	My husband, Bill Hall
Marilyn Harrer	Richard Harrer
Marjorie Hinton	Lorraine Neibling
Suzanne Moon	My son, John
Ruby & Donald Robertson	Loved Ones
Barbara & Dale Robinson	Robert & Betty Sweet and Hunter & Caddis Robinson
Diane Ruebling	Charles Ruebling
The Sobek Family	Richard Harrer
Mel Steele	Fran Steele
Carrol & Carl Svedeen	David Klingman (brother of Carrol) and Elaine G. Svedeen
Mary, Jarett, & Connor Upchurch	James Upchurch, Juanita Upchurch, Mary Ellen Pahissa, & William Pahissa
Karen & John Voris	Bob & Kay Voris and Harry & Violet Prah
Edward Weishel	Mary Lou Weishel

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