

Welcome to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church



JOY *to the* WORLD

Christmas Eve Service
December 24 | 8 & 10 pm



PINNACLE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY WORSHIP:

Sunday | 10 am | Sanctuary & Online at pinnaclepres.org

WELCOME to our Christmas Eve service. We hope that you will feel a sense of peace and purpose as you worship with us. 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.

The Family Lounge is available for any families who may need to leave the service. Ask an usher for directions.

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

WE PREPARE

Prelude at 7:45 pm & 9:45 pm

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice
The First Noel
Sing We Now Of Christmas
We Three Kings
What Child Is This (Greensleeves)
Angels We Have Heard On High*
Cymrie Hukill, violin • Julie Stafford, oboe • Ruthie Wilde, cello

Gesu Bambino
Grant Sobek, violin and Marcia Sobek, piano

Pietro A. Yon

Call to Worship

O, Holy Night!
Chancel Choir • Melissa Trafficante, soprano

A. Adam / arr. Longhurst

*O Holy Night!
The stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees,
Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine,
O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night,
O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need,
To our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King,
Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your king,
Before Him lowly bend!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord,
Oh, Praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory
evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory
evermore proclaim!*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The PUNCHES/Gamble/Finkbeiner Family (8 pm)

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Our Advent journey is now complete. The darkness is gone. 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.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. The long-awaited Christ has come!

Celebrating the birth of our Saviour, we light this candle. Together, we will shine with the radiant light of Christ!

* Opening Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

No. 41

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

One: God of love, on Christmas you became one of us.

All: **We see your love for every person in every place and time.**

God of humanity, you offered your peace to anyone who would be satisfied with your presence.

We see your peace in your Church and hear your commission to share it in all the world.

God of the shepherds, you announced your arrival to the poorest and the humblest.

We see your good news to each and to all, right here where we are.

God of the manger, you came to us in a small and simple place.

We see your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious by your presence.

God of deliverance, you came to be one of us to deliver all of us.

We see your protection and mercy toward all who are sick or in trouble.

God of birth, when you became as we are, you opened yourself to each of us, no matter who or what we are.

We see this day your Kingdom, into which we are welcome now and always. Keep us close, now and in the life to come.

God of Christmas,

bless us as we once again celebrate your coming to us and all creation.

Christmas peace be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Wes Avram

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-6

Terilyn Lawson (8 pm)
Michael Hegeman (10 pm)

Carol

Away in a Manger (No. 25)

**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (No. 31)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christmas Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Michael Hegeman (8 pm)

Terilyn Lawson (10 pm)

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; and 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.

Christmas Offering

Musical Offering

Candlelight Carol
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

*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.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

*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.
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

*Doxology (sung to the tune of *The First Nowell*, No. 56)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel.

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-15

Wes Avram

Sermon

Glory to God in the Lowest

Wes Avram

WE WELCOME THE CHRIST CHILD
Spreading the Light

Introduction

Terilyn Lawson (8 pm)
Michael Hegeman (10 pm)

Light will be passed from the aisles.
Please light your candle from the person next to you,
with lit candle held vertically and the unlit candle tipped toward the flame.
Children may open their glow stick to hold up with the candles at this time.

***Special Music**

Night of Silence
Chancel Choir

Kantor/Ferguson

*Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.*

*Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumours of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

* **Carol**

Silent Night, Holy Night (No. 60)

traditional German carol

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.

* **Christmas Blessing**

Wes Avram

* **Sending Music**

In dulci jubilo (*Good Christian Friends*)
Lorraine Brugh, organ

J.S. Bach

Christmas Poinsettias

Given By:	In Celebration of:
Carol & Marvin Bower	
Shirley & Fred Brown	Our families
Jane & John Chapman	Being together again
Jodi & Mitch Christensen	Emileigh Christensen
Jean B. Dodge	My life with Fred, and our (still growing) family
The Garzolini Family	Pinnacle Presbyterian Preschool teachers & staff
Katie & Mark Leinweber	Our family
John Mattox	Dorothy Mattox
Joanne & Jim McDowell	Our grandson, Atlas, and his parents Gideon & Bec; Jim's daughters, Amy & Audrey, and our son-in-law, Doug
Donna & Tomas McIntosh-Fletcher	Grandtwins Paloma & Rostin John-Baptiste
Linda & Greg Moorhead	Our family
Elaine & John Napolitan	Our family
Estelle & Eugene Wade	Our children

Given by:	In Memory of:
Richard Alsager	Lynn Alsager
Bob & Bill Baer	Carolyn Baer and Hoagy Baer
Patti Blackwell	Lori Hartfield and Cindy Lumbattis Guenther
Shirley & Fred Brown	Our parents and Katie
Debbi & Gary Burdick	Our parents and baby twins Burdick
The David Buzzelli Family	Carlton A. Richie
Mary Carey & Family	Michael Carey
Margaret & Richard Ebert	Capt. Charles Hudson & Elizabeth and McLeod Nott and their sons, Hudson Malcom and Lawrence Treat
Carey Eckler	Gil Eckler
The Eckler Family	Gil Eckler
Gordon Fouts	Brad Wallace and Roger Kelly
Kaaren & Rob Gotwals	Doc & Libby Arnold and Robert & Dorothy Gotwals
Marilyn Harrer	Richard Harrer
Diane Hall	My husband, Bill Hall
Marge Hasslinger	Dennis Hasslinger
Michael Hegeman	George R. Hegeman
Beth Heisler	Dick Heisler
Julie Hoffmann	Dr. George L. Hoffmann
Laurie and Caroline and George Jones	Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence Gray, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Alvin Brown, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. George Alvin Jones Dr. & Mrs. J Grady Cox

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Christmas Poinsettias

Given by:	In Memory of:
Ron Kevern	My wife, Marilyn Kevern, and Donald & Christine Kevern
John, Christine, Lily & Rose Kilbridge	James & Ethel Kilbridge
Arlene Kilgore	Wilson Kilgore
Jan Larson	Joe Larson
Sherrie & Dave LeMoine	Jane & Al Lemoine and Betty & Dick Grant
Taffey & Ross Miller	Roger Wayland and Dot Wayland
Karen & Steve Moore	Tommy & Frances Moore and Tom & Helen York
BJ Neal	My husband, Ronald D. Neal
Claudia & Bud Neal	BJ Neal, Bud Neal, Sr., Liz Neal Schwenn, Anna Hoover, and Jeanne Hoover
Anne & Bob Oswald	Mr. & Mrs. John Woolverton and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oswald
Marilyn Reese	Richard (Dick) Reese
Carlton Richie III	Carl Richie, Jr.
Parris Richie	My husband, Carl Richie and my brother Sheldon Lydy
The Roby Family	Maclin Roby and Kent Roby
Adam, Michelle, and Lily Rogers	Grant Kuentler
Patty Sapp	Mel Aldridge and Skip Sapp
Brian & Jacqueline Sidoti	Joseph Phillip Olmert, Jr. and Eugene Joseph Sidoti, Jr.
David, Marcia, Madeline & Grant Sobek	Our father and grandfather, Richard Harrer
Mary, Jarett, & Connor Upchurch	James Upchurch, Bud & Juanita Upchurch, and Mary Ellen & Bill Pahissa
Linda Vaughan	My parents
Karen & John Voris	Bob & Kay Voris and Harry & Violet Prah
Estelle & Eugene Wade	Our parents
J.E. Weishel	Mary Lou Weishel
Suzanne & Max Wertz	Chet & Rachel Snavely

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 Panches/Gamble/Finkbeiner Family (8:00 pm) in lighting The Christ Candle.

MUSICIANS for the worship services are Grant Sobek, violin and Marcia Sobek, piano (at 8 pm only); Cymrie Hukill, violin; Julie Stafford, oboe; Ruthie Wilde, cello; and Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler & Lorraine Brugh, music leaders.

OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS for persons interested in joining Pinnacle Presbyterian Church is Sunday, January 23, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. Childcare is available.

USHERS at 8 pm are Fred Brown, Mary & Chuck Goldthwaite, Kaaren Gotwals, Rick Hess, and Adam Rogers; Head Usher is Mark Steel. Ushers at 10 pm are Leslie Colliopoulos and Greg Sharp; Head usher is Mark Steel.

Pastoral

Rev. Wesley D. Avram, Ph.D., *Pastor & Head of Staff*

Rev. Michael Hegeman, Ph.D., *Associate Pastor in Education*

Rev. Terilyn Lawson, MDiv., *Temporary Associate Pastor*

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Sabrina Ball, M.Ed., *Director of the Preschool*

Lisa Boswell, *Executive Assistant to the Pastor*

Sonja Branch, D.M.A., *Director of African Drum Ensemble**

Lorraine Brugh, Ph.D., *Artist in Residence*

Brandon Huenemann, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

Diane Jezek-Powell, *Director of Stewardship**

Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, D.M.A., *Acting Dir of Ministries in Music & Arts/Organist*

Hillary Mackowski, *Director of Children's & Family Ministries*

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Sara O'Brien, *Director of Operations & Finance*

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Lance Regnier, *Facilities Coordinator*

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Jim Shaw, *Maintenance**

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Melissa Trafficante, M.M., *Director of Children's Music**

Ruthie Wilde, *Music Associate for Children & Youth/Audio Visual Assistant**

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Rev. Wesley D. Avram, Ph.D., *Director**

Rev. Michael Hegeman, Ph.D., *Associate Director of the Fran Park Center**

Rev. Allen Hilton, Ph.D., *Consulting Theologian**

Kelly McGinn, *Park Center Administrator*

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