



GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.


Home for the
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020

Prelude

Greensleeves (Bluesleeves)

Composed by Malcolm Archer

Pastoral Welcome

Introit

Sussex Carol

Arranged by Dale Wood

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Children's Christmas Story ***The Perfect Gift***

by Karen Dominik © 2020

Youth Choir

What Shall I Give?

Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti | Arranged by Becki Slagle Mayo

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Anthem

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

Words and Music by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant | Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Message

"When Christmas Isn't Perfect"

Pastor Doug Pratt

Lighting the Candles

O Holy Night

Music by Adolphe Adam | Arranged by Mark Hayes
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Candlelight Carol

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Benediction

Response

Refrain of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arranged by Michael Burkhardt



We welcome you to *Home for the Holidays*—a first for First Church! Though we long to be together in person this Christmas Eve, at “home” in the familiar sanctuary of First Church, we rejoice that we can still be connected across the miles with you and your loved ones in your homes.

Another first: Our entire pastoral staff will be participating in this service. Pastors Doug Pratt, June Barrow, Su Kim, Brad Rogers, Steven Grant, and Allen Walworth will, in turn, lead us through this time of remembering and celebrating that first Christmas. Special music, led by Director of Sacred Arts Jeff Faux and Associate Director Barbara Wischmeier, will include offerings from our Youth Choir, members of the Chancel Choir, and soloists Stephanie Wohlerlert and Michele Pelletiere.

The story of the birth of Jesus is told through the artwork of preschool children in *The Perfect Gift* (Karen Dominik, ©2020), available from the First Church BookCenter.

The poinsettias gracing the chancel have been provided by members and friends of First Church, in honor and memory of loved ones. We thank them for their part in preparing the Sanctuary for Christmastime.

Looking for a church home? First Church welcomes you to join us for onsite weekend services (Saturday at 5:30PM, Sunday at 7:30AM, 9AM and 11AM) or for our livestreamed Sunday service at 9AM: fpcbonita.org/worshiponline.

Join us online

fpcbonita.org/home-for-the-holidays

This service is available to watch at your convenience
any time after 5PM on Christmas Eve.



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