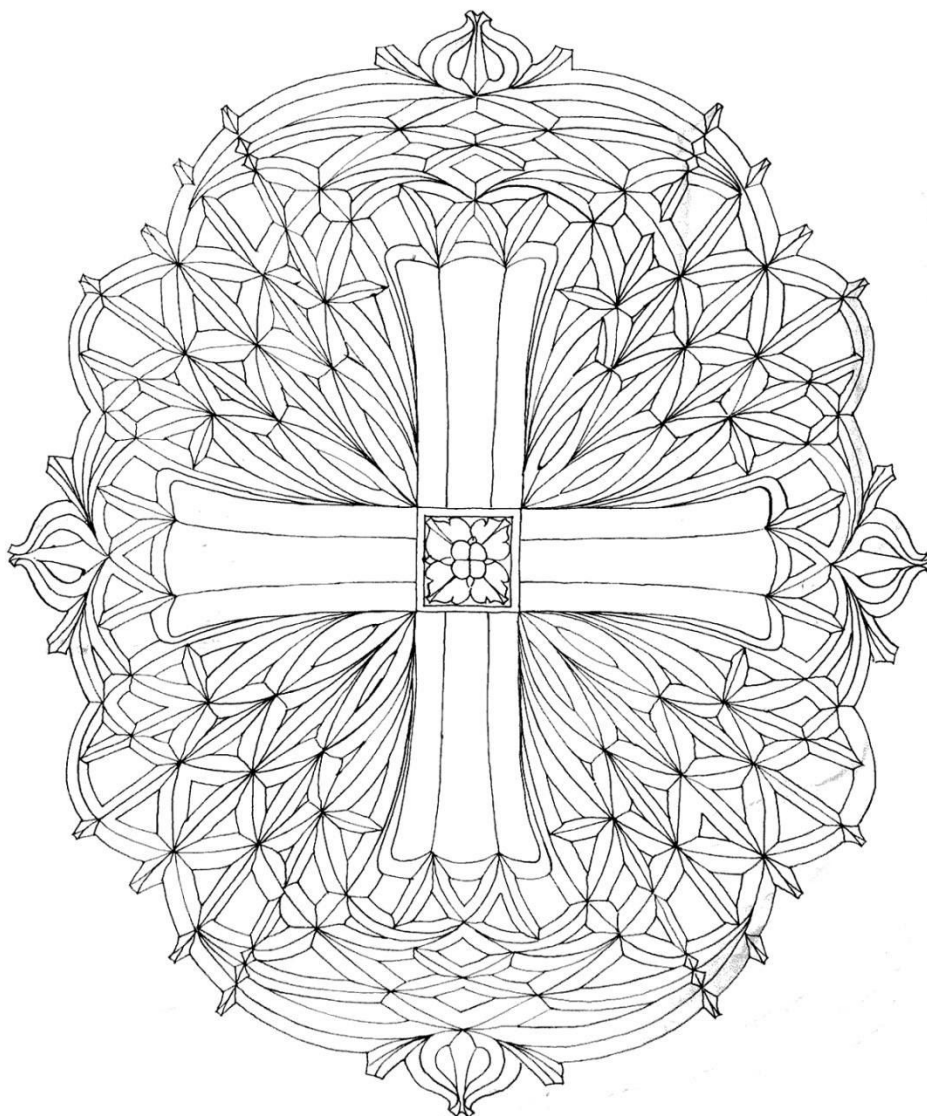


**First Presbyterian Church**  
December 24, 2020 7:00 p.m.



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*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends  
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

# Order of Worship

Welcome

Prelude "As Lately We Watched" Austrian Carol, arr. Stephen Fiess

Call to Worship Laurie Taylor Weicher

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**For to us a child is born, to us, a Son is given!**

And so we light the Christ candle, celebrating the light that has come into our world!

Anthem "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam  
Kathy Johnson

Prayer of Confession Judy Pidcock

**We confess, O God, that we are good at superficial celebrations, forgetting we need more than that. Give us a spirit of yearning for the good news that you have come near, that Jesus is Emmanuel, that a light has come into our darkness, and our hungers have been met. Fill our hearts with holy wonder, and joy unceasing, as we celebrate the promise of a world redeemed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 134

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20

Sermon "Our True Hope" Ed McLeod

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts, **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Partaking of Elements

Prayer of Dedication

Candlelighting Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night!" No. 122

Benediction

Postlude "O Come All Ye Faithful/Joy to the World" arr. Howard Cable

(Christian McIvor, Mike Phillips, Trumpet; Tarvick Linder, French Horn; Jared Gilbert, Trombone; William Beach, Tuba ) Piedmont Triangle Brass Quintet; Steve Fiess, Organ

The Advent Stand is given in memory of Dr. W. D. Pressly by his family.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of John David Wray, and David and Ethel Wray, and Butler and Olivia Prescott, and Jo Ann McAllister, by Marion Prescott Wray.