



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FAMILY MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2018 • 4:00 PM

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THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we begin our preparation for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices** and do not take flash photos during the service.*

PRELUDE *Prelude music is provided by members of Family Ministries.  
Participants will announce their names and musical selections.*

PROCESSIONAL *Christmas Canon • Arranged by Paul O'Neil and Robert Kinkel*  
Merry Christmas! The joy he brings.  
This night we pray our lives will show  
This dream he had each child still knows.  
We are waiting. We have not forgotten.  
On this night, on this very Christmas night.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Henry Detweiler*

One: This is the night to see what has happened.

**All: Let us go with the shepherds.**

One: This is the night to hear about  
the One of whom the angels sang.

**All: Let us go with those who are wise.**

One: This is the night to find  
the One who brings God's truth to us.

**All: Let us go and find the glory of God born in a stable;  
let us go with our friends and family;  
let us go with our neighbors and with strangers.**

One: This is the night we praise  
the One who is the Good News.  
Come, let us worship God.

\* HYMN 133 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

WELCOME  
*The Rev. Werner Ramirez  
Jaime Staehle, Director of Christian Education*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE  
*Chris, Connell, Kalen and Logan Strickland*

\* HYMN 140 **Once in Royal David's City**

THE FIRST LESSON *Luke 1:26-35; 38*

\* HYMN 100 **My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (verses 1, 2)**

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THE SECOND LESSON      *Luke 2:1, 3-7*

\* HYMN 115                      **Away in a Manger**

THE THIRD LESSON      *Luke 2:8-16*

\* HYMN 119                      **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

THE FOURTH LESSON      *Matthew 2:1-12*

\* HYMN 122                      **Silent Night, Holy Night!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING                      *You may text your offering to 646.491.8331*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *There Was Love, incorporating "Away in the Manger"*  
*Mark Burrows*

*Before there were shepherds out in the field  
    keeping watch over flocks by night,  
Before there were wisemen from distant lands  
    guided on by a star so bright,  
Before there were angels to sing the song,  
    one Voice was singing all along.*

*Refrain*

*Before you and I, or the stars in the sky, there was Light,  
    there was Life, there was Love.*

*Speaker*

*In the beginning, before anything had ever been made,  
    he was there with God.*

*In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

*A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 134                      **Joy to the World**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *Fantasy on Adeste, fideles • David Blackwell (b. 1961)*

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**Participants for this afternoon:** Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*  
Children's Choir and Youth Music  
Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Jee Eun Ahn, *Pianist*  
Miyu Yokota • Pak Ling Cheung • Shanade Hernandez

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The pastors and staff of  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
wish you and those you love  
a blessed Christmas.

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## Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 6 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm  
Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm • Sunday: 8 am to 2:30 pm



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