

## ***The Service of Communion***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, you shape your very life to create and restore . . . . . singing the hymn of your unending praise.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

God of new birth, as you laid your Son in Mary's arms . . . . . Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

God who exalts the humble and humbles the exalted . . . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer After Communion**

## ***The Service of Light***

**Solo** "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht" Traditional German  
*Dick Kliemann, Soloist*

*(Turn on the Christmas candles with the small switch on the bottom.)*

**\*Carol 122** "Silent Night, Holy Night!" *STILLE NACHT*

### **\*Benediction and Blessing**

*(Please place your candle in the box by the door when you exit this evening.)*

**Your children are most welcome at this service of celebration** and there will be no attended nursery this evening. There is no more sacred sound during Christmas than the sound of a baby's cry. Should you need to exit worship with your child following Time with the Children, the Memorial Hall immediately next door is open and the worship service will be streamed there on TV.

If you provided a poinsettia during the Advent Season in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend and would like to take your poinsettia home with you, please do so following tonight's service.

Our offering this evening goes to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. A gift to the Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

# ***First Presbyterian Church***

***Granbury, Texas***



***Christmas Eve 2019***  
***7:00 PM***

# The Eve of Our Lord's Birth Candlelight and Communion

A Service of Lessons and Carols  
December 24, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

## The Gathering

Almighty God, Father of Light, a Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us. Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now we, your Church, are filled with wonder at the nearness of our God! Open our hearts to receive the Savior's life, and increase our vision with the rising of the dawn that our lives may be filled with his glory and peace, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

**Prelude** "Be Still and Know" Traditional Melody

### \*Call to Worship

Joy to the World!  
**The Lord has come!**  
Peace on earth!  
**The Savior reigns!**  
Bring your gifts before the holy child,  
**God-with-us born in a manger!**  
Come, let us worship God!  
**All glory be to God!**

**\*Carol 134** "Joy to the World" *ANTIOCH*

**Lighting the Christ Candle** The Brownfield and Harvey Families

## The Word in Lesson, Song and Story

### Sharing Our Gifts – Christmas Joy Offering

**Offertory** "Infant's Prayer"  
*Jane Seley* James Mansfield

**Lesson** Isaiah 9.2-7

**Anthem** "O Holy Night"  
*Dick Kliemann, Soloist* arr. Joel Raney

### A Christmas Litany

The grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation to all.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

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

**Glory to God in the highest!**

For a child has been born for us,  
a Son has been given for us.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

To us is born in the city of David  
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Christ is born! Give him glory!  
Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!  
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!  
O earth, sing to the Lord!  
O you nations, praise him in joy,  
for he has been glorified!

**Amen.**

**Lesson** Luke 2.1-20

**Carol 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High" *GLORIA*

**Lesson** John 1.1-14

**Time with the Children** Nancy Worcester

**Carol 145** "What Child Is This" *GREENSLEEVES*

**Christmas Meditation** Drew Travis

**Carol 108** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*