FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Christmas Eve
December 24th, 2022   11:15 p.m.

PRELUDE: Christmas Carols

WELCOME

INTROIT: Toyland and Still Still Still   Gary Smith

PRAYER OF ADORATION
Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
The Christ Candle! (All Candles are Lit)

8 That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the mLord was shining around them, and they became very frightened. 10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. 11 Today your Savior was born in the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord. 12 This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box."

13 Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel, praising God and saying:

14 "Give glory to God in heaven,
and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God."

15 When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about." Luke 2:8-15

CAROLS
Hymn # 41 O Come All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 3)
Hymn # 25 Away in the manger
Hymn # 40 Joy to the World (verses 1 and 4)

SPECIAL SONG   A Soalin'   Morris Fulcher

CHRISTMAS PRAYER
Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL SONG   Breath of Heaven   Donna Anderson

SCRIPTURE   John 1:1-5
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SPECIAL SONG   Sweet little Jesus Boy   George Hameline and Peggy Fowler

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
As the light is passed lyrics will be projected on the screen.
Once your candle is lit please keep upright, tilt unlit candle into the flame to light.

Hymn # 60 Silent Night

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,
heav'nly 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.

4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING
Jesus is Born! Go out into the world and share the good news!
Let all the people say, "Christ is born! Amen!
    Christ is born! Amen!

RINGING IN CHRISTMAS DAY