

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Wichita, Kansas*

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*Christmas Eve Service*

*December 24, 2020*

Prelude *Coventry Carol* Lloyd Webber

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: **We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

**The Biblical Story — In Reading, Song & Pageant**

Narrator..... Marilyn Heffner  
Mary ..... Melody Stanberry  
Joseph..... Kyle Stanberry  
Shepherds ..... Brad, Michelle, and Isaac Cline  
Kings ..... Steve Bixler, Terry McManis, Jesse Warkentin

**Celebration of the Biblical Story**

Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 41

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting Brad, Michelle, and Isaac Cline  
Tonight is Christmas Eve. Tonight we celebrate God in a manger and rejoice at the news delivered by the angelic host: "For unto us is born in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger." With haste the shepherds made their way to Bethlehem to see for themselves and so must we. May we find our kneeling place beside the shepherds this night and may we rejoice with the angelic host that Christ has been born and so has hope for the world.

*Light the Christ candle*

Let us pray: O God our Immanuel, on this night of nights may we be ready to receive the Good News from angelic messengers that cause us to leave our flocks to see a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and behold our salvation as shepherds did long ago. And like the shepherds may we leave this place forever changed by our encounter with the Christ child. Amen.

First Reading Luke 2:1-7

Anthem *Still, Still, Still* arr. Norman Luboff

Second Reading Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *"A Royal Proclamation for All People"*  
Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

Hymn of Reflection *What Child is This?* No. 53

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey  
Sarah Gutierrez, Alto; Steve Bixler, Guitar

Prayer of Dedication

**Living Out the Biblical Story**

Sharing the Light Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 60

Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* Raymond Haan