



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies



*Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols*

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022

5:00 P.M.

*We welcome you this sacred night with open hearts and minds.
Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE.....Larry Gillum, Organist

*OPENING CAROL: "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....No. 41

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....The Rev. Chris Davis

One: A child has been born for us,

People: a son given to us;

One: authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

People: Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES.....Peter and Lisa Plaut

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

The glory and mystery of creation are revealed.

CAROL: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent".....Julie Turner

PCCR Bells

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet proclaims good news to the children of God.

CAROL: "Joy to the World!".....No. 40

PCCR Bells, Organ, Congregation Singing

THE THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.

CAROL: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”.....No. 44

THE FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

St. Matthew tells of Christ’s holy birth.

CAROL: “Cradle Song”.....[Kim Andre Arnesen](#)

Chancel Choir, Pianist Fran Gabrielson

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke describes Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

CAROL: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”.....No. 27

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

The angels appear to the shepherds.

CAROL: “One Small Child”.....[David Meece](#), arr. By Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir & PCCR Bells

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”.....No. 66

THE EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”.....No. 31

THE NINTH LESSON: 1 John 1:1-7

God calls us to walk in the light of Christ.

CAROL: “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....No. 23

THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

*The ushers will proceed up the center aisle to light the candle
of the worshiper at the end of each pew.*

*Please pass the light on until all candles have been lit.
To avoid wax drippings, please hold the lit candle upright
and tip the unlit candle to the flame.*

CAROL: “Silent Night, Holy Night”

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

**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.**

**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.**

BENEDICTION

Please extinguish your candles before leaving the pew.

POSTLUDE

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*In order to maintain the continuity of our worship tonight,
an offering will not be collected during the service.
Offering plates are at the rear of the sanctuary as you leave.*