



FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ATHENS

DECEMBER 24, 2024, 4:00 P.M.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for this service that we hope will be engaging for everyone, but designed with the youngest members of our church family in mind. Please silence your cell phones as we enter this holy space and see an usher if you need any assistance.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Griffeth family

*Carol (Hymn 41)	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful (stanza 1)</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
Carol (Hymn 44)	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (stanza 1)</i>	ST. LOUIS

Part I: Joseph and Mary

Carol (Hymn 25)	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
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Part II: The Animals

Carol (Hymn 23)	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High (stanza 1)</i>	GLORIA
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Part III: Angels

Carol (Hymn 56)	<i>The First Nowell (stanza 1)</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
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Part IV: Shepherds

Carol (Hymn 66)	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are (stanza 1)</i>	THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
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Part V: Wise Persons and Star

Part VI: Conclusion

Sharing the Light

Jesus is the light of the world. We carry this light into the darkness. As you receive the light with your candle, tilt your unlit candle toward the flame of the upright, lit candle next to you. Watch the sanctuary glow with the light of Christ!

Carol (Hymn 60)	<i>Silent Night</i>	STILLE NACHT
*Carol (Hymn 40)	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH
*Benediction		

As you exit the sanctuary, please place your candle in one of the baskets available outside the sanctuary doors.

**Those who are able to may stand.*

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this afternoon. Please fill out the fellowship pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Ms. Hannah Knight, *Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries*
Mr. Daniel Baer, *Piano*
Mr. Nathan Baer, *Saxophone*

USHERS

Daniel, Nathan, and Larry Baer

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Aiden Dowling, Bryan Owens, Justin Winstanley

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