



December 24, 2024  
Christmas Eve, 10 p.m.



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Pifa" (Pastoral Symphony) G.F. Handel  
"The First Noel" arr. by Robert W. Thygerson  
"A Tender Rose Has Blossomed" arr. by John M. Rasley

INTROIT "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" by John Rutter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Ann Kvamme and Christina Hingle

Leader: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah.

**People: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".**

Leader: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow

continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

**People: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this".**

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go. Come, let us worship God together.

HYMN #133 (1,3,4) "O Come All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Erica Rader

**Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the Nativity of your Son. You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child, and yet we have not attended to those in need around us. You announced your birth to lowly shepherds, and yet we have often ignored the lowly in our community. You chose humble Mary to be the mother of our Lord Jesus, and yet, we have not followed in this humble way. Forgive us, Lord and set us free. May the good news of Christmas come to us again today! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE #119      "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"      MENDELSSOHN

PASSING OF THE PEACE      Rev. Erica Rader

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 9:2-7      Sam Ross

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY      "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"      by Trevor Manor

DOXOLOGY #606      "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"      OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON      John 1:1-14

SERMON      "Moving In Close"      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND SPREADING THE LIGHT

*As the flame is passed, please tip your unlit candle into one already lit so it will not spill wax.*

HYMN #122      "Silent Night, Holy Night"      Worship Band

CHRISTMAS PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Please extinguish your candle now, and put it in the baskets provided as you leave the church.*

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

HYMN #134      "Joy to the World!"

BENEDICTION      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"      arr. by Mary McDonald

## **Tonight Children and youth will remain in worship with their families.**

**Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade):** Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants - 2 1/2 years old. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing, and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please refer to the church calendar for special Sundays when Sunday School may not be available. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath the Director of Children's Ministry [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org)

### **Youth Ministry Info**

You are invited to be part of the most elite, ragtag, goofy yet chill groups of people you'd ever want to meet: PCLG's youth groups! Our Middle School and High School students gather weekly on Sunday evenings and resume regular activities on January 5. Sunday School during worship for Middle School students will also resume on January 5. Middle School youth group (we call it SNIFF) meets from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

High School youth group (YG) meets from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. on Sunday evenings. There are many other things we do, but let's start with Sunday nights. For more information contact Steve Fainer, at [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com).

**Growing Footprints Preschool is now Enrolling!** Did you know that the PCLG has a preschool and afterschool program right here on campus? We are now enrolling, and have a full time space available in our two year old program which boasts an incredible ratio of 1 to 6. We also have a full time space and few 3 day spaces available in our 3 year old classroom that has a 1 to 8 ratio. We have two 5 day slots in our afterschool program.

We are now accepting applications and giving tours for Summer Camp, and our 2025-2026 school year for preschool and afterschool programs. For more information and to contact us, please visit our website at [www.growingfootprints.org](http://www.growingfootprints.org) or visit our instagram at [growing\\_footprints\\_preschool](https://www.instagram.com/growing_footprints_preschool) to see the kind of activities our little friends are up to.



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### **Dates To Remember**

Jan. 26	Pancake Breakfast Sunday
Feb. 1	Inquirers/New Members class 9 am