

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be always with you
Congregation: And also with you

***Sending**

Postlude



Lorene Witte

Thanks to all who participated in the service tonight. Special thanks to Pastor Luke Schmalz, Mat Emerick, the Song Leaders, Stacey Church, the Tech Booth operators and Lorene Witte. We pray that the service this evening helped you to focus on God and the meaning of Christ's birth for our lives.

If you do not have a church home you are always welcome to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Should you wish to make a special Christmas offering, there are offering plates in the narthex.

Thank you to all who have given poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary during Advent. Thanks to the Altar Committee for the preparation for tonight's service.

Poinsettia NOTE: If you ordered a Poinsettia they can be taken following the service this evening. Please be mindful of what you ordered.

Thank you to each one of you for attending tonight's Christmas Eve Service. May your Christmas be blessed.

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Service

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6:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

*Note: please remain seated unless there is a **

Prelude **Lorene Witte**

Welcome

***Opening Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #285**
“O, Holy Night”(vs 1&3)

Advent Candle Lighting **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Light Advent Candle

Pastor: Hear the prophet speak of our Hope.

(Isaiah 6:2-7) Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

All: Praise God for giving us the Light of the World.

Opening Prayer **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV) **Mat Emerick**

Isaiah 9:6 **Mat Emerick**

***Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #244**
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”(vs 1&2)

Luke 1:26-35 **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Matthew 1:18-25 **Mat Emerick**

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #245**
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(song leaders vs 1 - All sing 3&4)

Micah 5:2

Mat Emerick

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #250**
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”(vs 1,2,4)

Luke 2:1-7 **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #262**
“Away in a Manger”
(vs 1 - solo, Pat Krehn / vs 2&3 congregation join in singing)

Candle Lighting Share the light, keep candles lit until after prayer.

Hymn (remain seated) - “Silent Night” **Blue Hymnal #253**
(Cello - Stacey Church)

Cello will play Silent Night all the way thru one time. Congregation join and sing all verses as we share the light, keep your candle lit until after the prayer.

Prayer **Pastor Luke Schmalz**
(extinguish candle after prayer concludes)

Matthew 2:1-6 **Mat Emerick**

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #249**
“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Matthew 2:7-12 **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #288**
“We Three Kings”(vs 1&2)

Message (Luke 2:19) “*Treasure and Ponder*” **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Hymn (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #270**
“Joy to the World”(vs 1,2,4)

Prayer **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***Response** (remain seated) **Blue Hymnal #258**
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”(vs 1&3)

***Benediction**

Pastor: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with hope and make you heralds of the gospel.

All: Amen

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