

Welcome to First Pres SLO!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on a foundation of Jesus Christ, and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. As God's church we exist to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome—we're glad you've decided to join us today.

In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song, blending old and new and in-between
Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Confess our sins and receive words of pardon
Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching
Offer prayers of petition and thanks
Share freely in the sacraments: communion and baptism
Give gifts of time and financial resources in support of the church's work.

An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our lives before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!

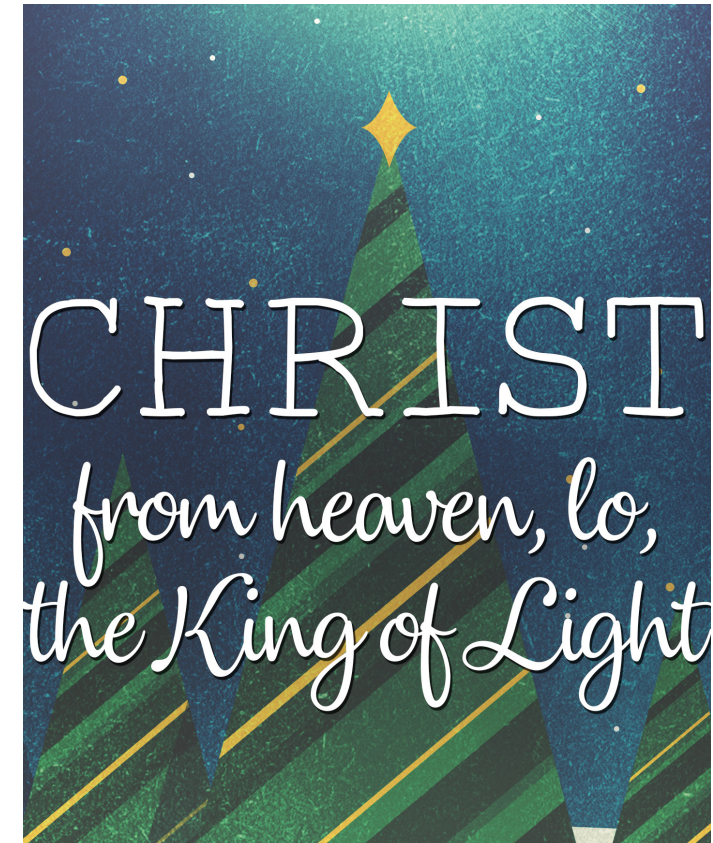
Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church
For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community
For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus.



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023



Rev. John A. D'Elia, Pastor

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE Meredith Brammeier
“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Robert Powell
Please use this time for quiet reflection

WELCOME AND PRAYER Jen Rabenaldt

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Stapp Family

CAROL
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (#9)

LESSON ONE Colin Ruehr
Kenneth Hand

CAROL
“Angels We Have Heard on High” (#23)

LESSON TWO Annabella Priest

TIME WITH CHILDREN
“Humphrey’s First Christmas” by Carol Heyer

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Meredith Brammeier
Offertory
“What Child Is This?” arr. Linda Hartman

LESSON THREE DD Patrick

CAROL
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (#38)

LESSON FOUR Allen Estes

CAROL
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (#31)

LESSON FIVE Dale Wolff

SPECIAL MUSIC Kenneth Hand
“O Holy Night” arr. Mark Hayes

LESSON SIX Brook Palmerston
Amy Stapp and Olive Stapp

SHARING THE LIGHT Jen Rabenaldt
Carol
“Silent Night” (#60)

BENEDICTION Jen Rabenaldt

POSTLUDE Meredith Brammeier
“O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby” arr. Carson P. Cooman”

The staff of First Presbyterian Church wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

