

## Regular Service Time

Sundays at 10 a.m.

What a beautiful image to imagine and work towards in the New Year. Isaiah 40:3-5

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Our goal is that the collective ministries reach far beyond the church walls as we put our faith into action for all ages.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2022 AT 5:30 PM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SLO

**PRELUDE** Meredith Brammier  
"Angels We Have Heard on High", arr. Wilbur Held

**WELCOME** Jen Rabenaldt

**CAROL**  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** The Parker Family

**CAROL**  
"Come Light Our Hearts" by Sandra McCracken

**SCRIPTURE IN STORY** Colin Ruehr, Lloyd Esola,  
Luke 2:1-20 Henry Esola, Cole Ragsdale

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Church Family Choir  
"If I Were There" by Monica Scott

**STORY** Annabella Priest  
"The Birds of Bethlehem" by Tomie dePaola

**MESSAGE** Jen Rabenaldt  
"If We Were There"

**SPECIAL OFFERING**  
Children's Benefit Fund

The special offering is going to the Children's Benefit Fund.  
A fund used to support local children, youth and families with unexpected financial needs. This fund is also used to support programing. We have used this fund for scholarships, groceries, music and VBS among other needs that pop up. Thank you for supporting this important fund and ministry at First Pres SLO!

**OFFERTORY**  
"Welcome To Our World"

**READING** Amy and Olive Stapp  
"The Candle Poem"

**PASSING OF THE LIGHT** Rev. John D'Elia

**CAROL**  
"Silent Night"

**CLOSING PRAYER** Rev. John D'Elia

**CAROL**  
"Joy To The World"

**BENEDICTION** Rev. John D'Elia

**POSTLUDE** Meredith Brammier  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing!", arr. David Cherwien

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

## **Participants**

Rev. John D'Elia, Jen Rabenaldt, Mia Purdin, Kenneth Hand, Meredith Brammier, Amy Stapp, Olive Stapp, Annabella Priest, Colin Ruehr, Lloyd Esola, Henry Esola, Cole Ragsdale, The Parker Family, Andrew Vigil, Sean Anderson