

Preparing the Way

Gathering Music

Poem

"To Look, To Listen"
Ann Weems

Advent Light Prepares the Way

"Carol of the Bells"
M. LeonTovich

*Call to Worship

Voice: Tonight is the night for a new song
to be sung!

**People: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Voice: Tonight is the night to crowd
around a manger, to behold the
divine, born in human flesh.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord all glory due
his name; bring an offering, and
come into his courts.**

Voice: Tonight is the night to proclaim the
good news, to praise God with the
multitude of angels!

**People: Shout it to the nations, "The
incarnate Lord is king! The world
is firmly established; it shall never
be moved. God will judge the
peoples with equity."**

Voice: Tonight is a night of joy for a new
way is found in the Christ Child.

**People: Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice; let the sea roar,
and all that fills it; let the field
exult, and everything in it. Let the
trees of the forest sing with joy!**

*Hymn 41 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*
(vs. 1 & 3)

The Surprising New Way

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:1, 12, 16 (pg. 1496)

Meditation:

God's Everlasting Salvation by Another Way

Song *"Ave Maria"*

Attributed to T.L. Victoria

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 1497)

Poem *"Getting to the Front of the Stable"*

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Growing Young Disciples

Lighting the Christmas Candle

Meditation:

Family Staying Together by Another Way

*Hymn 23 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*
(vs. 1 & 2)

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497)

Meditation:

Threats Call for a New Way Home

*Hymn 66 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*
(vs. 1 & 5)

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-15 (pg. 1498)

Meditation:

Return Home by Another Way

*Hymn 38 *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*
(vs. 1 & 4)

Holy Sacrament of Communion

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:26-30 (pg. 1543)

Christ Prepares the New Way Home

Prayer of Confession

Hymn 44 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*
(vs. 3)

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Blessing the Bread & the Cup

Communion for All People

*As you come forward for the Sacrament,
baskets are available for you
to offer your gifts to God
and to receive a Christmas candle.*

Communion Music

Cello Duet

Christmas Prayer

Home by Another Way

Christ-Light for the New Way Home

*Quartet *"Peace, Peace, Peace"*

"Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1)

*Song *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!

Wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*Blessing

*Postlude *"Angels We have Heard on High"*
Belcombe

* Those who are able, please stand

The congregation responds
with the **bold print** in the liturgy

Following worship you are invited to join us
for a time of fellowship in the parlor of our church

**As Faithful Followers of Jesus,
FPC Kalispell Values:**



Worship and Prayer
that glorify God
and seek God's will.

**Small Group &
Team Ministries**
that enrich lives
and foster
relationships.



Creativity
in the ministry of our church.

**Making Disciples
of Jesus**
who fulfill Christ's
Great Commission
(Matthew 28:19)
in our church
and in our
community.



**Studying and
Teaching Scripture**
to provide a faith
foundation for children,
youth, and adults.



**Strengthening
Our Church
and
Family
Relationships**

through love, prayer and encouragement.



Leadership
that sustains us and challenges us to act
justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
with our God. (Micah 6:8)

Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings!

**Prayerful
Stewardship**
of all God
has given us, and
supporting God's
work with joyful
thanksgiving.



Welcome!

Christmas Eve

Worship

December 24, 2016

5:00 pm

To Listen, To Look

Is it all sewn up—my life?
Is it at this point so predictable,
so orderly,
so neat,
so right,
that I don't have time or space
for listening for the rustle of angel's wings
or running to stables to see a baby?
Could this be what he meant when he said
Listen, those who have ears to hear . . .
Look, those who have eyes to see?
O God, give me the humbleness of those shepherds
who saw in the cold December darkness
The Coming of Light
The Advent of Love!

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