

***Hymn 40** *"Joy to the World"* (vs. 1 & 4)

Confessing Our Sin to God

Lighting the First Advent Candle
Hymn 5 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* (vs. 1)
Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
pondering nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Lighting the Second Advent Candle
Hymn 9 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel "* (vs. 3)
O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lighting the Third Advent Candle
Hymn 49 *"Once in Royal David's City"* (vs. 2)
He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle
Hymn 36 *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* (vs. 4)
What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him; give my heart.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lighting the Christ Candle
Hymn 44 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (vs. 4)
O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,

be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

The Word

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20 (page 1590)

Growing Young Disciples

***Hymn 25** *"Away in a Manger"* (vs. 1 & 3)

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 (page 1645)

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation *"Abounding in Hope"*

Christmas Prayer

After each petition the pastor will say:
O God of Love,
The congregation responds:
draw us together in peace.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Eucharist

***Hymn Insert** *"Christmas Communion Hymn"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
The Great Thanksgiving
Blessing the Bread & the Cup

Communion of God's People
*As you come forward for the Sacrament,
baskets are available for you to offer your gifts to God*

***Prayer After Communion**

Sending

***Hymn 31** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

***Benediction**

The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us.
Let Christ's light shine
in the darkest corner of our life.
Let Christ's love shine
in the darkest corners of our world.
God is with us. Alleluia. Amen.

***Postlude** *"Joyful Tidings"* arr. Moffatt

*** 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

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

**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.



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



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



Creativity
in the ministry of our church.



**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!



Welcome!
Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 2016—10:00 am
First Presbyterian Church
Kalispell, Montana

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Christmas Meditation

Prelude

"Antioch"

Peterson

Call to Worship

Psalm 98 (The Message)

Sing to GOD a brand-new song.
He's made a world of wonders!
He rolled up his sleeves, he set things right.
**GOD made history with salvation,
He showed the world what he could do.**
He remembered to love us, a bonus
to his dear family, Israel—indefatigable love.
The whole earth comes to attention.
Look—GOD's work of salvation!

**Shout your praises to GOD, everybody!
Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!**
Round up an orchestra to play for GOD,
add on a hundred-voice choir.

**Feature trumpets and big trombones,
fill the air with praises to King GOD.**

Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause,
with everything living on earth joining in.

**Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!"
And mountains harmonize the finale—**

A tribute to GOD when he comes,
when he comes to set the earth right.
**He'll straighten out the whole world,
He'll put the world right, and everyone in it.**