

the  
**ABCs**  
of  
Christmas



A  
child is  
born to us,  
a son given to  
us. He will be named  
Wonderful Counselor,  
**Mighty God,  
Eternal Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

Palms Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Eve | Friday, December 24, 2021 | 5 p.m.

# Christmas Eve Family Service



## Prelude

### Responsive Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**We have seen Christ's glory, the glory  
as of a father's only son.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

**In him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**



### ★ Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!



### Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Bernardo Family  
Elizabeth, Jeff, Sarah and David

★ Please stand, if able

## Christmas Prayer

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives,  
and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of  
Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood  
into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the  
peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed  
by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us  
as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us,  
Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our  
minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in  
us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us,  
God for us, God in us. Amen.



## The ABCs of Christmas



### Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.



### Bethlehem Night

Terry Taylor  
The Palms Children's Choir



## ★ Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Glo - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo - ria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)



## Carol: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.



## Offertory

Take This Light  
Mark Patterson  
Emilia Veiga, soloist

## Prayer of Dedication



## Carol: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.



## Carol: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light



## Candle Lighting

*Ushers will light candles at the ends of each row.  
Please pass the flame from candle to candle,  
holding lighted candles upright.*

## Carol: Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

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.

## ★ Carol: Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

## ★ Christmas Blessing

### Postlude

May you and your loved ones experience God's richest  
blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas.  
From the staff and members of Palms Presbyterian Church.

## Merry Christmas!