



Katherine Trimarco, Artist

December 24, 2018 ~ 5pm

*The congregation may stand.

Expanding Joy into the World

PRELUDE Leonid Polishchuk, violinist
Adult Ukulele Group

INTROIT *Joy to the World*
Gabby Pizzolo, soloist

Jeremiah was a prophet,
who was speaking for God's love.
Wanting all the poor and those tired out by war
to know joy from above.

**Singing, "Joy to the World,
all the boys and girls now.
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea,
and joy to you and me."**

Jeremiah, he was Jewish,
and he thought God's love would grow
from the stump of Jesse
with branches so messy,
the Messiah of joy would come.

**Singing, "Joy to the World,
all the boys and girls now.
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea,
and Joy to you and me."**

(repeat with hands clapping.)

GREETING Angel Gabriel, Liam Battjes

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
"The Peace of Christ is with You!"
or "Merry Christmas!"

The Light of Christ within a Single Heart

*CAROL All my Heart this Night Rejoices

**All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear, far and near,
sweetest angel voices;
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing,
Till the air, everywhere,
now their joy is ringing.**

**Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, doth entreat,
"Flee from woe and danger;
Brethren, come; from all that grieves you
You are freed; all you need
I will surely give you."**

**Come, then, let us hasten yonder;
Here let all, great and small,
kneel in awe and wonder,
Love Him Who with love is yearning;
Hail the star that from far
bright with hope is burning.**

LESSON based on *Luke 1:26-56*
Gabriel and Mary
Kristin Lion, Ava Muse, Hannah Bachorik

MUSICAL RESPONSE
Advent Chant (3 x's in unison, 2 x's as a round)

**Twilight, then darkness,
night falls and candles glow.
Gently surrounding us a new birth of hope.
Watching, waiting,
awakening a new birth of hope.**

The Light of Hope for All Families

CAROL *Still, Still, Still* #47

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!
The virgin's tender arms enfolding,
warm and safe the child are holding.
Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep,
While angel hosts
from heaven come winging,
Sweetest songs of joy are singing,
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.

LESSON *Luke 2:1-7*
Wait! This is a Family? Lion Family

MUSICAL RESPONSE
What Child is This? Chime Choir

Light of Peace for Common Workers

*CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* #23

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria 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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

LESSON *Luke 2:8-20*
Joy with Angels and Shepherds Mason Family

MUSICAL RESPONSE
Go, Tell it on the Mountain Ukulele Choir

The Light of Joy for all Creation

*CAROL *Joy to the World* #40

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.
Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat,
repeat the sounding joy.

LESSON *Psalm 96*
Nature Repeats the Sounds of Joy
Stabler Family

(Congregation may join in the animal chant
as the children come forward.)

**God loves us too! Meow, bark, moo
& cock-a-doodle-doo. Yes! God loves us too.**

OFFERING Youth Orff
Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good

MUSICAL RESPONSE Children's Choir
All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir
(Children's Choir sings verses and
Congregation joins in the refrain.)

**All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low and some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire.
And some just clap their hands
or paws or anything they got now!**

1. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom..
2. The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle, while the honey bee hums...
3. Listen to the top where the little birds sing . .
4. It's a simple song of living sung everywhere by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear.

The Light of Love for All Our Neighbors

PRAYERS OF THE WORLD

Expanding Love into All the World

God so loved this world that we were sent God's only son, Jesus Christ. This gift of Light showed us the way to love our neighbors even as we love ourselves.

Jesus reached out to the poor and challenged those with plenty. He cared for people on the margins of society and filled them with grace. Christ promoted peace within individual hearts, all types of families, common workers and a love for all creation.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Born in a Poor Place

(Congregational candles are lit by nativity characters.)

Alumni Choir

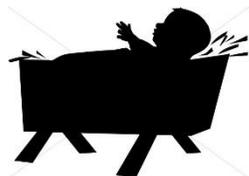
Steve King

CAROL *Silent Night* Leonid Polishchuk, violinist

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



CAROL

Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, we all are family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With every breath I take,
let this be my daily vow,
To take each moment and
live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.**

BENEDICTION

Liam Battjes

RECESSIONAL

Joy to the World

(Children remain up front awaiting family members.)



After extinguishing your candle, please leave the candle and plastic holder in a basket at the door.

The Mission & Benevolence Committee has designated this year's Christmas offering for the MoonCatcher Project: Education is the most effective means of improving the lives of girls in the world's poorest communities. However, these girls often drop out of school when they reach puberty because they have no access to hygiene products. This leads to early marriage and a lack of financial independence. The MoonCatcher Project was established to provide free reusable, washable hygiene products that provide a way for girls to stay in school, giving them a chance to complete their education.

The First Reformed Church invites you to make us your church home and wishes you a joyous Christmas and all people a peaceful New Year!

The sanctuary and chapel is adorned to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- Margaret (Peg) Shultes by her family
- David Bain by Audrey Bain and family
- Dick Blackmer, provided by his family
- Julie Lawton with love by Vicki Brooks and John Lawton
- Our parents from Wayne & Amy Brule
- Jean Kemp Bundy, love the Bundy family
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Burgoyne from their family
- Timothy Burgoyne from his family
- Parents and siblings by Gay & Joe Doolittle
- Bill Dotter by his wife, Elsie & children
- Carlton W. Dyer by his wife, Janice B. Dyer
- Warren D. & Ethel F. Barrett by their children, grandchildren, and great grandson
- Rudolph & Therese Mahlberg, and Paul Erickson by the Erickson family
- William & Louise Stange and Sam Croce by Marlene Risseuw & the Erickson family
- Erin Falconer and our parents by the Falconer family
- Janet R. Crandell & Bruce Crandell by their daughters Donna, Sandy and Linda Fentiman
- Janet Gardner and Gardner families by Richard
- Merry Christmas by Marjorie Geiger
- Loved ones by Ann & Joe Gotwals
- White-Hamilton families by Cynthia Hamilton
- Loved ones by the Hjelmars family
- Leroy Jewett by his family
- Scott Jewett by his family
- John T. Stuart from Sean Kent
- Ruth & Harry Kent from Sean Kent
- Tom & Viola Ruckman, Tom Ruckman Jr. and Ross & Hazel Marrs by the Kiesow & Tobin families
- R. Ned Landon by his wife, Barbara
- Harold Lapham by his family
- Mark McDermott by his wife, Gini
- Richard & Beverly McLane, by their children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
- Margaret "Peg" Miller by Jim Miller
- Neil W. Moynihan by Sandy Moynihan and family
- Dorothy & Edmund Sanderson by Sandy Moynihan & family
- Our parents Dr. Henry & Emily Nagamatsu, from Nancy, Brian, & their families
- Loved ones by Anne Peterson
- The Cottrell family from Anne Putnam
- The Bolz-Putnam families from Anne Putnam
- Our parents from Richard and Kate Rose
- Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine
- Daniel J. Thuener by his wife, Vernetta and family
- Parents and Donald Troost from Carol and Deborah Troost
- Earl Wainwright by Nancy, Jeff, Tim, Dori, Leanne, Jon, Nick, Tom and Katie
- Ann Walraven by the Walraven family
- Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd and Susan Shepherd by the Welch family
- Carolyn Shepherd Welch by the Welch family
- Palmer V. Welch, Marian A. Welch, Mary C. Welch by the Welch family
- Glenn Winchester by his family and loved ones
- Eugene Zeltmann by Mary Zeltmann
- Donald E. Craig, Elizabeth Craig, Corinne Craig; Eugene C. Zeltmann and Ruth Zeltmann by their family
- Eugene W. Zeltmann from his family
- Hank Drisgula from Lian & Tom

