



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

*CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2019*

8:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

“Noël Nouvelet”

arr. Kevin McChesney

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL NO. 133 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*
Stanzas 1, 4 and 3

arr. Sir David Willcocks

GREETING

Rev. Don Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this night to share good news and tidings of great joy!

Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born to us.

Christ the Lord!

With the angels, let us sing our praises.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom God’s favor rests!

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Isaiah 9:2-7

Natalie Tietjen

The prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of Jesus.

*CAROL NO. 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”
Stanza 3: Choir Only

arr. Robert J. Powell

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Amanda Lecuona

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice

for you have come to us this night in the form of an infant; vulnerable, messy, and full of promise.

Before your birth was declared to the nations, it was announced to ordinary shepherds working the night.

Help us too to look up and hear the angels’ glorious refrain of peace and good will.

Make your holy presence known to us in song and prayer,

in Word and Sacrament;

then send us out with gratitude and joy to declare the good news.

Love has come to save us; through Jesus Christ, Lord of all creation. Amen

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

Lydia Wielgus

Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem and Jesus is born.

ANTHEM

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

arr. Mark Burrows

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-20

Brett Elphick

The Shepherds visit the baby Jesus.

†An usher will be glad to assist you and provide you with more information about this congregation. Worship is at 9:30AM in the Sanctuary with Sunday School for children and youth also at 9:30AM. 11:00 Illuminate Service in the Chapel. Infant care for children up to 24 months is available at the 9:30AM service. We hope you will come again. Opportunities abound for all ages!

