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If it's your first time worshipping with us, we invite you to let us know on our Friendship Pads or check in using the link at the bottom of our website, mooringschurch.org. You can also stop by the Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex after the service to learn more about us. We would love to connect with you!



Need Prayer?

We want to pray for you! If you or someone you know desires prayer, please visit mooringschurch.org and make a prayer request. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and select **Prayers--Make a Request**. You may also send your prayer requests to executiveassistant@mooringschurch.org.



YEAR END GIVING

Appreciated securities can be a tax-efficient way to fund your 2023 annual commitment or prepay your 2024 commitment. Many of our members and friends give this way, which helps support our ministries throughout all months of the year. If using the U.S. mail, please be certain that the check-bearing envelope has a visible December postmark. Otherwise, please ensure that we are in physical receipt of funds by the morning of December 31st.

MPC Mission Statement

As members of the Moorings Presbyterian Church, we commit ourselves to grow as a family of faith which worships, celebrates, and learns together; to work as Christ's people for ministry and mission to one another and to the world; and to reach out as a welcoming congregation in which we love and support one another.



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CELEBRATE

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th, 2023
Lessons & Carols
8:00PM

Moorings Presbyterian Church
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MOORINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

*Candles are available in the Narthex.
LED Candles are available for
children's use.*

The Church provides a professionally staffed nursery for infants and young children to age 4, though your children are certainly invited to stay and participate in worship with you.

PRELUDE

Greensleeves
Carol of the Bells
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Bell Carol arr. Naughtin

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ed Byrom

One: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

All: Let us go to find the Savior!

One: Let us go with the wise ones:

All: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

One: Let us go with the poor and humble:

All: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

One: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

All: Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST LOUIS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

John Stansell and Michael Pellegrino

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

The heavenly host fills the skies; the shepherds rush to behold the babe. But we stand still, for these glad tidings have lost all sense of urgency. The angel chorus rejoices with alleluias, but we hear words as nothing new. This story is so familiar, we forget its power to transform the world. We forget it heralds a reign of justice. We forget that this story requires something of us. Heavenly father, give us the gift of faith, that we might receive the Christ child into our hearts, our lives, our homes, our world, and live as those who walk in his light. Embolden us to tell your story and send us out, glorifying and praising God--for to us is born a Savior, who is Messiah, the Lord! Amen!

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David Thomas Weelkes
Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 Kris Doyle

OFFERTORY

Christ the Apple Tree

Stanford Scriven

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the Appletree.

His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell.

The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;

I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;

which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;

under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

*CAROL 147

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Stanzas 1, 2, & 6

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

A Child Is Born

Phillip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia.

And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia.

Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia.

Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia.

To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia.

Thou son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia.

To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia.

With Deo Gracias always, Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-15

*CAROL 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

HOMILY

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

ANTHEM

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Carolyn Jennings

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing,

Ding dong! Verily the sky is riven with angel singing.

(Refrain): Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,

And "io, io, io," by priest and people sung. *(refrain)*

Pray you dutifully prime, your matin chime, ye ringers;

May you beautifully rhyme your eve-time song, ye singers: *(refrain)*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(From the Christ Candle, the light will be passed from ushers to seated worshipers along the aisles, and then from worshiper to worshiper in each row. Please tip your unlit candle toward the upright lit candle when receiving the flame.)

CAROL 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

**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.**

(Please extinguish your candle following Silent Night, and place it in a basket as you leave the Sanctuary. Children may keep their LED candles, symbolically taking the Light of Christ out into the waiting world).

*LITANY

God is here! The Messiah has come! We open our eyes to see Him and lift our hearts to worship Him! We exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King, and bring glory to God the Father. We declare that he is the supreme authority in our lives and bow before him, our Lord and King. O come, let us adore Him!

*CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Keith Chapman

*Please stand as you are able.

PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Word and Sacrament: Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

Musicians: Dr. Chris Dekker, Chancel Choir, David Mastrengelo (Violin), Lani Mastrengelo (Viola), Carly Fulcher (Cello), Susan Norbeck (flute)

Liturgists: Ed Byrom and Kris Doyle

