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Joy Gift Offering on December 24th: This annual offering of the PCUSA supports medical needs of clergy, active and retired, and their families, and the denominations racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please make a note on your check for "Joy Gift" or use the envelopes on the table in the narthex.

The Advent Wreath: The three purple candles of the wreath symbolize the darkness of the world before the arrival of the Messiah. The fourth candle is pink and symbolizes hope and joy. In the center of the four candles stands one white candle: the Christ candle, symbolizing God's act of sending light into our world of darkness.

Ordination and Installation of church officers will be held during worship on January 14th. Please plan on attending this meaningful service in the life of our church.

The Wednesday Word: If you would like to receive our weekly e-mail newsletter, *The Wednesday Word*, please add your name and email to the sign-in sheet in the Narthex.

Our annual Carol-Sing on December 31 will be a casual worship service for the whole family, full of Christmas carols and an opportunity to sing your favorite carols one more time.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. W. Scott Harbison, Pastor
Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music
Nathan Thorp, Vocalist

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ST. LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
WELCOME	
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE	Come, O Come Emmanuel
Leader:	<i>"O come, desire of nations... Fill all the world with heaven's peace."</i>
Congregation:	<i>"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!"</i>
HYMN 41	O Come, All Ye Faithful
CONFESSION	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
RESPONSE	The Gloria Patri (Please join in singing)
Refrain :	<i>"Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!"</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 1:26-38
HOMILY	
OFFERTORY	Carol of the Bells
PRAYER	
HYMN 60	Silent Night, Holy Night
THE SENDING FORTH	Joy To the World

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The church office will only be open one day next week, Wednesday, December 27.

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