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You are invited to join us for our other services over the holidays and for our regular services throughout the year. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we would love to get to know you.

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

8:30 am & 11 am Worship Service*
(No Children's Church)

Regular Service Schedule

Sundays:

8:30 & 11 am Worship Services*
(Children's Church during 11 am Service)
9:45 Sunday School*
5 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal*
6 pm Worship Service*
Children & Youth Activities

*Nursery available

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Brandon Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 5 pm

Prelude

arr. Carol Tornquist

“The First Noel”

Marsha Glover, pianist

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship **

Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

People: **that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.**

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness:

People: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

*Carol **

No. 200

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

*Invocation **

*Carol **

No. 211

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Christmas Litany

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!**

Leader: O Christ, splendor of God’s eternal glory, the mighty Word,
sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all
creation: Release all into your Promised freedom.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem:
May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their
expectations: Fulfill our desires in you.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God
of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world live in peace and justice.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has
brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

*The Christmas Gift Offering ***

arr. By Carol Tornquist

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Offertory Response

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’re the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Special Music

“The Birthday of the King/O Holy Night”

Robbe Mahaffey, soloist

Scripture Reading

No. 750

John 1:1-18

Sermon

Dr. John Dawson

“The Interpreter”

*Carol **

No. 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*Closing Prayer **

*The Lighting of the Candles **

No. 210

*Benediction **

*Postlude **

* Congregation Standing