



The Longest Night

December 21, 2020

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision
For All the Saints
Give Me Jesus*

SLANE
Ralph Vaughan Williams
American Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 92

While We are Waiting, Come

WAITING

OPENING LITURGY

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 13

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

A PRAYER OF LAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27

AN INVITATION TO SILENT MEDITATION AND EXPRESSION

In the Bleak Mid-Winter
Jake McCarthy Violin

One of the ways people expressed their laments in the Bible was by rending...tearing their clothes. Job did it when he lost pretty much everything he owned and everyone he loved. Clothing was an extremely valuable and limited resource in those days, and not something that was easily replaced. So, when they ripped their clothes to shreds, it spoke volumes. It was a way of physically expressing the pain they felt inside.

Participants worshipping at home, we invite you to gather an old cloth, t-shirt, or even paper. You are invited to rend (tear off) the fabric pieces/paper and write down your laments this night.

HYMN 110 (stanza 3)

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

WORDS OF ASSURANCE/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

“Grief and Grieving”

Our pastoral care team would like to provide a space for conversation and healing. If you are interested in participating in a “Grief and Grieving” Small Group in the new year please let Neeley know!

Many Thanks to our Tech Team for editing our recorded worship services and helping get them posted on-line for our congregation to view.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane, Pastor
The Rev. Kimmy Briggs, Director of Family Ministries
Ms. Krista Firkus, Director of Music
Mrs. Alice Walker, Organist