

First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve for All God's Children

December 24, 2014

6:30 p.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Schaffner
"Angels From the Realms of Glory" arr. Page

Welcome

Call to Worship

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people:

For to you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Light has shined on those who lived in a land of deep darkness.

* Hymn 133 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, you have sent your Son into the world.

Give us, O God, such love and wonder,

that with shepherds and wise men and pilgrims unknown,

we may gather to adore the holy child, the promised King,

and to worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

The angels came on Christmas Eve to sing about peace. They still sing,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among all."

The peace of the Lord be with all of you.

And also with you!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Response (to Hymn 133)

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Anthem

"One Star"

Rogers

SEEING AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scene One The Prophet Micah Tells of a Savior
Hymn 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 and 2)

Scene Two The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary and Joseph
Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (verses 1 and 2)

Scene Three Jesus is Born
Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger" (verses 1 and 2)

Scene Four Angels Visit the Shepherds
Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (verses 1 and 2)

Scene Five The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem
Hymn 147 "The First Nowell" (verses 1 and 2)

Scene Six The Wise Men Visit the Baby Jesus
Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Offering Our Gifts to the Christ Child

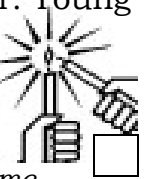
Offertory "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" arr. Young

Prayer of Thanks

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Please be careful in lighting candles, assisting children as needed.

For safety, please hold lit candles upright. Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.



**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.***

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Cherwien

* All who are able shall stand.

Participants in Tonight's Service

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Readers	Ryan Flynn, Ariana Billiot Zach Roditski, Harley Miller
The Prophet Micah	Ed Cole
Mary	Riley Wescott
Joseph	Jake Wescott
Ushers	Jim and Shirley McLaughlin
Candlelighting Family	The Wescott Family

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First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2014

9:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music

Introit "O Holy Night"

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

***Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.***

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

***Authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

* Processional Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

***Good and gracious God,
on this holy night you gave us your Son,
the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,
the Savior of all, lying in a manger.
On this night, draw us into the mystery of your love.
Join our voices with the heavenly host
that we may sing your glory on high.
Give us a place among the shepherds,
that we may find the One for whom we have waited,
Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.***

* Lighting of the Christ Candle

Refrain (to Hymn 133): ***O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Words of Welcome and Prayer for Illumination

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol "Behold a star from Jacob shining" Mendelssohn

Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" arr. Pearce

Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn 115 "Away in a Manger"

Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

Carol "Still, Still, Still"

Lesson: John 1:1-14

Carol "Hope for Resolution" Caldwell/Ivory

Sermon: "Have Yourself an Enormous Little Christmas" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith from Colossians 1:15-20

***Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
He himself is before all things,
and in him, all things hold together.***

***For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of the cross.***

Offering
Offertory "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" arr. Young

* Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray . . .

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

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* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Cherwien

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Readers	Sue Kelly, Beverly
Bright Cochrane	John Weiss, Meg Carter, Dick
Ushers	John and Jo Conklin
	Deb Traettino, Jack Pittman
Candlelighting Family	The Porter Family

First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Jazz Communion Service

December 24, 2014

11:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOMED

Music to Gather the Shepherds

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Tonight is when heaven kisses the earth.

Here is the manger where God takes on flesh.

The shepherds come to see this mystery,

even though official temples would not welcome them. Wise sages from the East come to worship and offer gifts,

They are strangers, yet greeted as God's Beloved.

In a place that seems off the beaten path,

there God draws near to bring Light and Life to all;

there God sends his Son.

* Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Opening Prayer

*Creator of all the faithful and the unfaithful,
some of us almost didn't make it tonight.*

Other demands tug us in different directions.

Doubts have nipped at our heels.

Holiday greed threatens to make us less than human.

Yet tonight you meet each one of us: right here, right now.

And you come, not with burning Holy Fire,

but in the simplicity of a Child.

Come down low and reach us, we pray,

that we would experience your love and your mercy. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you . . . and also with you.

Response

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

LISTEN TO THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Prayer for Light

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Music to Ponder in Our Hearts

Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "Have Yourself an Enormous Little Christmas" Rev. Carter

GIVING AND RECEIVING GIFTS

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith Titus 3:4-7

*When the goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness we had done,
but according to his mercy,
through the water of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

This Spirit he poured out on us richly

through Jesus Christ our Savior,

so that, having been justified by his grace,

we might become heirs

according to the hope of eternal life.

Offering Our Gifts
Offering Music

Receiving God's Gifts - The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

Communion of the People

All are invited forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup. Please return to your seat by a side aisle.

Communion Music

RETURNING HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

* Candlelighting Hymn 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

* Charge and Benediction

Music to Warm the Soul

* All who are able shall stand. PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join those around you in filling out the red pads in the pews so that we know you are here.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor/Pianist: The Rev. Bill Carter

Worship Leader: Wayne Wolfe

Bass: Tony Marino

Drums: Marko Marcinko

Saxophone: Mike Carbone

Cantor: Susan Kelly

Ushers: Karen White, Shirley McLaughlin



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