

First Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

9:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music "Holiday Selections"
Connie Weiss-oboe John Weiss-cello; Andy Kepler-clarinet; Beverly Bright-piano
Vocalists: Alan Baker, Susan Kelly, Connie Weiss, John Weiss

Call to Worship *Luke 2:14, Titus 2:11*
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
The grace of God has come to us;
Jesus Christ brings salvation to all.

* Processional Hymn 133 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Adoration

**All glory to you, great God,
for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us.
With singing angels,
let us praise your name and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down,
acknowledging your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

* Lighting of the Christ Candle

Refrain "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
Hymn 373 "O Day of Peace"

Lesson Luke 1:26-38
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forrest

Lesson Luke 2:1-7
Carol "Some Children See Him" Alfred Burt

Lesson Luke 2:8-20
Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Lesson John 1:1-5, 14-18
Carol "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" arr. Willcocks

Sermon: "Thoroughly Human, Completely Alive" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 134 "Joy to the World"

* Affirmation of Faith *from A Declaration of Faith, PCUS*
**Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family
and a society troubled by the common problems of the world.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.
Jesus was what we should be.
He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us
through him.**

Offering
Offertory

"O Holy Night"
Frank Jones, soloist

Adam

* 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"

*Please be careful in lighting candles. For safety, please hold lit candles upright.
Unlit candles are tipped toward flame.*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Joy to the World"

Cherwien

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Susan Kelly
Pianist	Beverly Bright
Readers	John Conklin, Karen Eelman, Tyler Kusma, Jack Pittman
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin and Betty Keen
Candlelighting Family	Alan Baker and Susan Kelly

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FOR

unto us a

Child

is born, Unto us a

Son is given

And the government shall be

upon His shoulder

And His name shall be called

WONDERFUL

Counsellor

The Mighty God

The Everlasting Father

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH

9:6