



The Order of Worship **December 24, 2013**
11:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.

PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her Georg Böhm
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
 Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ Johann Pachelbel
Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ
 The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity) John Ireland
 trans. Ireland

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

John and Paula Smartt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Connor Sears

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

***HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

***HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Laura Dupper

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6 Ryan Rotella

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:10-13 Nate Seidner

***HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

Antioch

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a

Aidan Sears

***HYMN NO. 43** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

Aerin McClure

MOTET A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten

Of one that is so fair and bright *Velut maris stella*, [as the star of the sea]
 Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella*: [mother and daughter] I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, *Tam pia*, [so holy] That I may come to thee. *Maria!* [Mary]

All this world was forlorn *Eva peccatrice*, [because of sinful Eve] Till our Lord was yborn *De te genetrice*. [of you, his mother] With *ave* [hail] it went away Darkest night, and comes the day *Salutis*; [of salvation] The well springeth out of thee. *Virtutis*. [of virtue]

Lady, flow’r of ev’rything, *Rosa sine spina*, [rose without thorn] Thou bare Jesu, Heaven’s King, *Gratia divina*: [by divine grace] Of all thou bear’st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *Electa*: [chosen one] Maid mild, mother *es Effecta*. [you are made]

Anonymous

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Lisa Ellis, Alto

John Harrison, Tenor

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

CAROL Away in a Manger

William James Kirkpatrick

arr. David Willcocks

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Anonymous

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

Eric Adamcik

CAROL When Christ Was Born of Mary Free

John Gardner

When Christ was born of Mary free, In Bethlem in that fair city, Angels sung e’er with mirth and glee, *In excelsis gloria, Christo paremus cantica.*

Herdmen beheld these angels bright— To them appeared with great light, And said, ‘God’s Son is born this night’: (Refrain)

This king is come to save his kind, In the scripture as we find; Therefore this song have we in mind: (Refrain)

Then, dear Lord, for thy great grace, Grant us the bliss to see thy face, Where we may sing to thy solace. (Refrain)

Anonymous, 15th century

Women of the Chancel Choir

MOTET The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

arr. David Willcocks

How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heav’n afar Our Jesse tree now bloweth. O Jacob’s stem and David’s line, For thee, my bridegroom, King divine, My soul with love o’erfloweth. Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o’erflowing.

Three kings from Persian lands afar To Jordan follow the pointing star: And this the quest of the travelers three, Where the newborn King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their way, And there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary’s child in her lap they see; Their royal gifts they show to the King: Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem The kings are trav’ling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King, Offer thy heart!

trans. H. N. Bate

John Harrison

SCRIPTURE Selections from the New Testament

Chris Phillips

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Dieterich Buxtehude

Savior of the Nations, Come

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

The lights will be dimmed and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.

***HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

(The candle is held close to the breast)

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.

(The candle is extended outward)

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.”

(The candle is extended upward)

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.

Following the singing of the final hymn, ushers will direct the back pew to lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered in the courtyard, we will sing the first verse of “Joy to the World.”

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29: Worship is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. only. We return to our regular schedule on Sunday, January 5th.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the Schilling Gallery.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN on December 31st from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will resume our regular office hours on Thursday, January 2nd.

Symbolism of the Lights

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor’s candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus’ statement that we are “the light of the world,” and that we should spread this light to the “very ends of the world.” Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light. Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews or carpet. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety’s sake, it is requested that children under six should “share” their parents candle.

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THE SESSION and TRUSTEES

Class of 2014: Terry Crow, Angela Partelow, Tim Ryan, Cindy Spangler, Bill Wiesehuegel; Youth Elder: Will Bendy; Trustee: Norman McRae

Class of 2015: Ellen Anderson, Jean Bonnyman, Hap McSween, Rick Oakes, Jack Woodall; Trustee: Joe Ben Turner

Class of 2016: Mary Boyd, Jerry Faerber, Vicki Mayfield, Scott Porter, Elizabeth Ridley; Trustee: John Smartt

Advent Flowers 2013

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.

Jean Alexander..... In memory of her mother, Norma Cwiek
Ellen and Ken Anderson In memory of their mothers, Alice Burgoon

and Lucille Anderson

Laura and Jack Barron In honor of their families and the love they share
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren In loving memory of Clark

The Bonnyman Family. In memory of Mary McKeegan
Marlene Browning..... In memory of Larry Browning

and sons Steve and Craig

Vaughn Bush. In memory of Patricia A. Bush

Sara Cantrell In memory of Bob

Scott and Jerry Carley..... In honor of Angela Grobe
and in memory of Geri and Jack

Chappell children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.....
In memory of Lola and Bill Chappell

Barbara Cline. In honor of Lisa, Gabe, Jeff, Faith and Arianna

The Cruze Family. In memory of Norma Morse

The Dean Family. In memory of Scott, Carter, and Mimi

Christie Dowling..... In memory of her mother, Betty M. Caldwell
Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner..... In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner

Don and Connie Graham..... In honor of their children and grandchildren
and Josephine Ethridge

John and Betty Hanes. In memory of their parents
Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon.....

In memory of Barbara Goan and Benjamin Harmon

The Hatmaker Family..... In memory of Linda Morton, Mrs. J.G. Morton
and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hatmaker

Kathryn and Sky Huck. In memory and honor of their family: those present
and those who have passed

Bitsy Newman Ingram. In memory of Dr. Robert W. Newman
Anne and John Langley In honor of Voncille M. Shepard

In memory of Robert B. Shepard, Clarmont J. and Anne Langley

and Robert W. Langley

Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews In memory of Matt Mathews
Sue McSween..... In memory of Mary McKeegan

and in honor of Georgann Byerley

Rookie and Jane Norton..... In memory of their parents
Rick, Kathryn and Clara Oakes..... In honor of Fritz Schilling

In memory of Barbara Schilling

Bob and Ada Pfohl In memory of Elizabeth and C. LeClair Greenblatt,
Dorothy and J. K. Pfohl, Jr. and Betty and Robert Campbell

Rick and Janice Rawe.
In honor of their granddaughters: Margaret, Nina and Sammy

Larry Ridley Family. In memory of John Smartt, Sr. and Harriet Smartt
Molly Roberson and Family..... In memory of Scott Roberson

Rotella Family.
In memory of Margurite Rotella; Al and Mary Rotella; Nancy Helton;

Jean and Oscar Huffstetler

Mary L. Ryan. In honor of the Prayer Shawl group
Joyce and Tim Ryan. In honor of Helen Ryan

and their grandchildren: Chandler, Camryn and Connor Ryan

and Josie Noelle Bice

John and Elizabeth Salsbery..... In memory of Bonnee Rainwater
and Chris Salsbery

Doris Solomon In honor of the Flower Guild and other helpers
Cindy Spangler. In honor of Rachael Spangler and Trey Rogers

in celebration of their engagement

Kathie and Thomas Tallant. In memory of Mary McKeegan
Julia Tortorelli. In memory of her grandparents,

Alberta and William Bertelsen and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli

Joe Ben and Robin Turner.
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enoch Carruth

and Mrs. Edythe Turner Bennett

Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel.....
In loving memory of their precious mothers: Natalie W. Smith

and Shirley J. Rechenbach

Jim and Linda Yates. In memory of Bonnee Rainwater, Chris Salsbery,
Bob Cantrell and Barbara Schilling