



The Order of Worship

December 24, 2014
5:00 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.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING...

PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE Noël IX on the Flutes Louis-Claude Daquin
WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Partelow Family
CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Ann Bendy

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*

HAIL THE HEAVEN BORN PRINCE OF PEACE...

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a Ellen Anderson
HYMN NO. 44 (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem Joe Hutzenbiler
St. Louis
(Please remain seated)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7
SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13
***HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14
SCRIPTURE Titus 2:11-14
CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION
***HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

Spencer Williams
 Emma Adamcik
Antioch
 Maggie Bendy
 Max Yates
 Buran Phillips
 Buran Phillips
Adeste fideles

Angels We Have Heard on High
 Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria

Refrain
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

BORN THAT WE NO MORE MAY DIE...

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 (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 137 (red hymnal) Away in a Manger *Mueller*
 Hymn No. 53 (blue hymnal) What Child Is This *Greensleeves*

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20 Ethan Partelow

After the scripture is read, 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, we will sing the first and third verses of "Angels We Have Heard on High." The text is found on the next page.

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

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.

USHERS: Leah Milam, Ellie Yates, Maggie Gordon, Caroline McRae, Clara Oakes, Mac Whipple, James Hutzenbiler

Advent Flowers 2014

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

- Ellen and Ken Anderson. In memory of their mothers, Alice Burgoon and Lucille Anderson
- Julie Anderton. In memory of Mary Virginia Anderton
- Laura and Jack Barron. In honor of their 3 great-granddaughters
- The Bonnyman Family. In memory of Janelle Stueck, Claire’s confirmation mentor in 2008
- Jim and Mary Boyd. In honor their granddaughters: Abby, Natalie and Sarah
- Marlene Browning. In memory of Larry Browning and Steve Browning
- Scott and Jerry Carley. In honor of Fritz Schilling Chappell children and grandchildren. In memory of Bill and Lola Chappell
- Barbara Cline. In honor of Gabe and Jeff, Lisa and Dan, Faith, Currie and Arianna
- Anne and Jim Dally. In memory of Kathrine Tziritas
- Anne E. Davidson. In honor of Walt and Tucker Stevens
- Nancy Dean. In memory of Scott, Carter and Mimi
- Christie Dowling. In memory of her mother, Betty M. Caldwell
- Reed and Lisa Ellis. In celebration of family during this wonderful Christmas season
- Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Ken Faulkner
- John and Betty Hanes. In memory of their parents
- Russell Holt. In memory of Edith Diane McFadden
- Buz, Lucy and John Johnson. In honor of Mary Frances Johnson and Kingslea Stallworth Johnson
- . . . in memory of John and Mary Watson and Ewing and Bernice Johnson
- Anne Langley. In honor of the Phillips family, particularly Buran, who gives so much of himself to tend his flock with loving care
- Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews. In memory of Matt Mathews
- Charlie and Alice Mercer. In memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. George Atkins
- Ibbie and John Muntz. In memory of Dr. Mary M. Rucker
- Rick and Janice Rawe. In honor of the members of the Flower Guild for their year-long work
- The Larry Ridley Family. In honor of the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Molly and Piper Roberson and Family. In memory of Scott Roberson
- Joyce and Tim Ryan. In honor of Helen Ryan and her upcoming 95th birthday on January 6, 2015
- The Salsbery Family. In memory of Chris Salsbery and Bonnee Rainwater
- Kathie and Thomas Tallant. In memory of Mary McKeehan
- Nick and Beth Weissfeld. In honor of their sons, Eli and Miles
- Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel. In memory of their mothers: Natalie W. Smith and Shirley J. Rechenbach
- Jim and Linda Yates. In memory of Bonnee Rainwater, Bob Cantrell, Chris Salsbery and Barbara Schilling

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- Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
- Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
- Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
- Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
- Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 28 and on Sunday, January 4. Our regular schedule resumes January 11th, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be open Monday, December 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will be closed Tuesday, December 30 and Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2. Regular office hours resume on Monday, January 5.

FINAL 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS as well as any 2015 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 31. All offerings received by December 31 will be included in your 2014 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel.

THE SESSION

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Ellen Anderson	Jerry Faerber	Phil Barnette
Jean Bonnyman	Vicki Mayfield	Bitsy Ingram
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Youth Elder: Lily Seidner		
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