

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2012

7:00 p. m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“*The Mass of the Nativity*”

Richard Shephard

Sanctuary Choir; Cara Schmidt, violin; Grace Han, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.

People: *Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.*

Leader: We light the Christ candle after our Advent waiting. Our candles illuminate our story.

People: *Dawn invades night. The Light of the World has come!*

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

#41, Hymnal

PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Rev. Amy Wiles

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL

“*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

(please remain seated)

#9, Hymnal

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

John Wiles

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*”

Miah Han, organ

Arr. Michael Bedford

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL

“*Away in a Manger*”
(please remain seated)

#25, Hymnal

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Ave Maria*”

F. Schubert

David Kabel, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

George Day

CAROL

“*The First Nowell*” verses 1, 2, & 6
(please remain seated)

#56, Hymnal

CHILDREN’S TIME

(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse of “*The First Nowell*”)

CHORAL ANTHEM

“*Candlelight Carol*”

Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

Rev. Amy Wiles

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory

“*This Little Light of Mine*”

Harry Dixon Loes

John Wiles, vocal solo and guitar

Tonight’s offering will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those on the East Coast recovering from Superstorm Sandy.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Amy Wiles

SENDING CHRIST’S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

INTRODUCTION OF “*SILENT NIGHT*”

Taemin Han, piano

F. Gruber

(The lights will be dimmed. Ushers will light the candles of the first person in each pew representing the sending of Christ’s Light into the world. As individual candles are lit, you are cautioned not to tip a lighted candle! Please hold all burning candles upright. Tip the unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor. Thank you.)

*CAROL

“*Silent Night*”

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PRAYER

*CAROL

“Joy to the World”
Verses 1 & 4

#40, Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on ‘Joy to the World’”
Miah Han, organ

Michael Bedford

**All those who are able may stand*

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.