

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2013

7:30 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Good King Wenceslas” Arr. Michael Burkhardt
Deidre Shea, flute; Mallory Sage, clarinet; Miah Han, organ

“Oh Mary, Where Is Your Baby” Traditional Spiritual
Madison Fairbanks, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

“Sing We Now of Christmas” Arr. Lee Dengler
Praise Ringers; Taemin Han, piano

“Gentle Mary” Jay Althouse
Megan Wheelock, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” Arr. John Purifoy
Praise Ringers; Taemin Han, piano

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad
Taemin and Miah Han-piano and organ duet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Break forth into singing, all God’s people. Hear the good tidings of salvation and peace!

People: *God has done marvelous things among us. Let us make a joyful noise together.*

Leader: There is a new song in the air. The whole universe responds to the child in our midst.

People: *The winds lift up the songs of angels. Flames of fire proclaim the spirit’s presence.*

Leader: All light shines amid our gloom. The Word comes to make a difference in our lives.

People: *As children of God, we bear witness to the light. As followers of Christ, we proclaim the wonder of rebirth.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** #41, Hymnal

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader:

Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting. We have lit the candles of hope, peace, joy and love. Now, the Advent wreath is completed with the Christ candle in the center. With the birth of Christ our lives are centered, focused, turned toward God. We light the candle because Christ is the center of our lives and light of our world.

The Frerichs Family

People: *Let the light of Christ come into our hearts that we might find peace with God forever.*

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1 and 4) #44, Hymnal
Please remain seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15 Rev. Amy Wiles

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Wonder as I Wander”
Terrell Izzard, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:9:2, 6-7

Dan Davis

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”
Please remain seated

#25, Hymnal

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Sally Davis

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Coventry Carol”

Alix Wimberley, cello; Taemin Han, piano

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

Matt Sprengelar

*CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#31, Hymnal

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Candlelight Carol”

Sanctuary Choir

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

Eric Dew

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory

“*Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)*”

Sanctuary Choir

Pietro A. Yon

Tonight’s special offering will be given to the Presbyterians for Disaster (PDA) fund to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan and the tornado victims of Washington, Illinois.

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, arr. Clarence Kohlmann

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, tip unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor. Please hold all burning candles upright. Thank you.

*CAROL

“*Silent Night, Holy Night*”

See Insert

*PRAYER

*CAROL

“*Joy to the World*”
verses 1, 2 and 4

#40, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“*Gigue on ‘In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing)’*”

Gordon Young

Miah Han, organ

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.

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