

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday, five-thirty o'clock CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE December 24, 2010

PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Melissa Freeman & Jennifer Palmer, flute
"O Come, Little Children"	Youth Choir
"If You Would See the King"	Chancel Choir
"Once in Royal David's City"	Katrina Newby
"Around the Manger"	Covenant Chime Choir
"Il est n�"	Children's Choir
"Come All Ye Shepherds"	Ann Freeman, hammered dulcimer
"Carols Around"	Sue Sheffield, Angel Holland & Jim Amstutz
"Fum, fum, fum"	Youth Choir
"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Beth Amstutz & Drew Amstutz, trumpet
"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"	Chancel Choir

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT

GREETING/CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL: # 40 "Joy to the World!"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Andy & Janice Irvin

Opening Prayer

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives,
and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—
born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry,
in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God;
his voice undimmed by the centuries
his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

Come to us, Lord Jesus,
be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of your life be kindled in us,
and lead us to the shining truth,
of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

INTROIT "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, CHAPTER 1

HEARING AND TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, CHAPTER 2

CAROLS OF THE NATIVITY

"Away in a Manger" (# 24)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (# 44)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (# 41)

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, CHAPTER 2

MEDITATION

CAROLS OF THE NATIVITY

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (# 22)
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (# 58)
Anthem: "O Holy Night"

GOING OUT IN THE LIGHT

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, CHAPTER 1

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CAROL "Silent Night" Stille Nacht

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.

BENEDICTION

*For those who are able, please stand for the Carols.

Large-print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Special Note:

Parents: Please assist young children in lighting their candles.