

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit: “Antiphonal Celebration” Liebergen/Handel
The Choir

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.”

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors.”

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn: #41** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Prayer of Adoration

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Page: OT 638

***Hymn: #11** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Page: NT 58

Anthem: “Some Children See Him” Hutson/Burt/Martin
The Choir

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16

Page: NT 58

Hymn: #44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Scripture: Luke 2:17-20

Page: NT 58

Meditation

***Hymn: #31** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

***Scripture:** John 1:1-5, 14 (unison)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "Still, Still, Still"

arr. Berg

Women's Ensemble

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Response of Praise (#56 vs. 6)**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.**

***A Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn: #60** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

ABOUT THE CANDLES: *Please use great caution in handling lighted candles so as to avoid being burned or burning others with either the flame or hot wax always hold a lighted candle upright. When receiving the light, tip the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. The ushers will move through the church to light the candle of the first person in each row. When the candles are lighted, the remaining lights in the sanctuary will be extinguished and remain out throughout the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night.” When the hymn is finished, extinguish your candle for the benediction. The sanctuary lights will be restored at the beginning of the Postlude. Please wait until the organ plays to leave your pew.*

Ushers: Bob & Lyn Briggs, Joanne & John Hopkins

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Phoebe Dill	In Honor of the Choir
Ruth Moore	In Memory of my husband David Moore and my parents Margaret & Henry Laughlin
Louise Thornton	In Memory of Morrial G. Thornton
Irv and Susan Lipp	In Honor of Family & Friends
Gene and Carol Mayhew	In Honor of Loved Ones & Friends
Joe and Debbie Harrington	In Memory and Honor of Loved Ones
Carlo and Joanne Viola	In Memory of our Loved Ones
Dick and Ginny Appleby	In Memory of Loved Ones
Jim and Bev Stoudt	In Memory of Robert and Lottie Stoudt
Bill and Marcia Quillen	In Memory of Jim Quillen and In Honor of Janet Spring, Mission Leader
Bruce and Kay Gordon	In Memory of Loved Ones
Chuck and Joan Smith	In Memory of William and Carrie Hopkins
Susan Townsend	In Memory of Loved Ones
Richard and Chris Fagles	In Memory of George and Peg Twyford and Jean Fagles
Sharon V. Graybeal	In Memory of Loved Ones
Bob and Janet Spring	In Honor of Bill and Marcie Perkins
Bob and Joan Appleby	In Memory of Loved Ones
Scott and Amy Selheimer	In Memory of Ian Watkins and Charles Selheimer
The Dobson Family	In Memory of Erle "Buddy" Dobson
Don and Connie Reese	In Memory and Honor of our Parents
David and Pat Bird	In Memory and Honor of Loved Ones
Mary Cebenka	In Memory of Frank and Betty Tyler (parents)
Jason and Dot Campbell	In Honor of the Swanson Family

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Nancy L. Rowland	In Memory of Richard H. Rowland and In Honor of Janice C. Rowland
The Krawczyk Family	In Honor and Memory of NCPC Members and Members of our Families
Barbara Quillen	In Memory of R. James Quillen Jr.
Bob and Ruth McCullough	In Honor of our Dear Friends at NCPC
Nancy Coning and Tom McDowell	In Honor of our Many Blessings
Sidney Wilson	In Memory of Hess Wilson
Dean and Lynn MacEwen	In Memory of Loved Ones
Anita Johnson	In Memory of Ralph Johnson
Herb and Jean Swanson	In Honor of our Wonderful Loving Family, Mike, Ché, Christi and Family
Nanette Nichol	In Memory of Loved Ones
Pat and David Taylor	In Memory and Honor of our Parents
Bill Anthony	In Memory of Parents William and Wilma Anthony
Dan and Shirley Knox	In Memory of Erle "Buddy" Dobson
John and Joanne Hopkins	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Hopkins and Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Murray
Jim and Susan Flook	In Memory of our Parents
Rob and Juliann Barry	In Honor of our Parents
Pat Adair	In Memory of James A. Adair III
Steve Martin, Cynthia Robbins and Katie Martin	In Memory of Ann Fulmer and Milt and Thelma Kern
Monty and Ellie Gerhart	In Memory and Honor of our Family
Earl and Janet Reed	In Memory of Loved Ones
Fran Handy	In Memory of Loved Ones

December

Thursday	12/25		Office Closed – A Blessed Christmas!
SUNDAY	12/28	11:00am 12:00pm	No Bible Study Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour
Wednesday	12/31		New Year's Eve No Bible Study
Thursday	1/1		New Year's Day Office Closed
Friday	1/2		Office Closed
SUNDAY	1/4	11:00am 12:00pm	No Bible Study Worship Fellowship