



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

December 24, 2009
Christmas Eve Family Service
5 o'clock in the afternoon

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PRELUDE

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *arr. by Michael Burkhardt*

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella *trad. French carol arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis*

What Child Is This? *trad. English melody arr. by Dean McIntyre*

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cheryl, Reed, Hanna and Quinn Evans

Leader: "While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger

Leader: Tonight, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

People: Tonight we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth—regardless of the circumstances—reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.

Leader: On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know . . .

Leader: He is born and nothing will ever be the same!

The Christ Candle is lit.

Those who are able are invited to stand.

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Those who have been standing may sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7
Reader: Erin McKenzie

CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"	Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
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THE SECOND LESSON Luke 2:1-7
Reader: Charlotte Sechrist

CAROL One Small Child
Words and music by David Meece; arr. by Tammy Waldrop

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| 1. <i>One small child in a land of a thousand.
One small dream of a savior tonight.
One small hand reaching out to the starlight.
One small savior of life.</i> | 4. <i>One small light from the flame of a candle,
One small light from a city of might,
One small light from the stars in the endless night,
One small light from a face.</i> |
| 2. <i>One king bringing his gold and riches.
One King ruling and army of might.
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight.
One King bringing us life.</i> | 5. <i>See the shepherds kneeling before Him.
See the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father.
See the Blessed Infant sleep.</i> |
| 3. <i>See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him.
See Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father.
See His tiny eyelids fall.</i> | 6. <i>One small Child in a land of a thousand;
One small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight.
One small Savior of life.</i> |

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8-14
Reader: Karl Nelson

Those who are able are invited to stand.

CAROL 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.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)

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

Those who have been standing may sit.

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20
Reader: Kristin McKenzie

BELL CAROL Gentle Shepherd
Composer: Dan Edwards

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

As we celebrate God's greatest gift to us, we have the joyful opportunity to share our gifts with the world. Tonight's offering will be given to the Trinity Food Pantry. If you are writing a check and would like your gift to go to this special Christmas Offering, please indicate that on the memo line.

OFFERING HYMN Away in a Manger

During the hymn, those who are able please come forward by rows and place your offering in a plate in the front. Tonight's offering will go to the Winger Food Pantry. Move to the side aisle and make a circle around the Sanctuary. Please remain there for the remainder of the service. We will repeat the hymn until everyone has come by the front of the Sanctuary.

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LULLABY TO THE CHRIST CHILD Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night!	Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,	Son of God, love's pure light
Round yon virgin mother and child!	Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,	With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace,	Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Sleep in heavenly peace.	Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Leader: Daniel Hasler

HYMN Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE Variations on *Adeste Fideles*
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

IN WORSHIP TONIGHT

Worship Leaders – Dr. Dan Anderson-Little & the Rev. Julie March

Trinity Bell Choir – Bonnie Carmichael, Vicki Carmichael, Jim Person, Cricket Gordon, Roberta McBride, Emily Kelton, Joanne Roman, Elaine Pontious, Katie Henderson, Andrew Person, Mike Kaberline

Singers – Leah Anderson-Little, Erin McKenzie and Kristin McKenzie

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

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The poinsettias in the chancel are given to the glory of God by congregation members in honor or memory of loved ones and in celebration of the season. Please see the insert for poinsettia dedications. Please feel free to take the flowers you ordered *at the end of tonight's 11 pm candlelight service* or call the church office to arrange a pick up during the week.

- ❖ Doyin Afuwape: *To the Glory of God*
- ❖ Lisa Bernhard: *Given in honor of all those brave visionaries who dare to act for a better world*
- ❖ Rose Ann Bodman: *In memory of Milt Bodman*
- ❖ Polly A Brown: *For mother Bessie Terry & Husband James Brown*
- ❖ Vicki Carmichael: *In loving memory of Chris Carmichael and Al Eckwald*
- ❖ Liz Childs: *For grandmothers Libby & Juliet, with love from their grandchildren, Will and Ana Childs-Klein*
- ❖ Jane & Pat Gibbons: *With love to our family both near and far away*
- ❖ Diana Gray: *To the joy of the Christmas season*
- ❖ Mike Kaberline: *In memory of Cade Parker*
- ❖ Carol & Cathy Kramer
- ❖ Michael, Lorie and Zach Krivonak
- ❖ Virginia McKabney: *Loving memories (the Heintzmann, Farrell, McKabney family)*
- ❖ Corie and John Merker
- ❖ Bill & Cathy Smith: *In celebration of families*
- ❖ Brian & Carrie Muegge: *In memory of our grandparents, Rita Schoenfeld, Joan H'Doubler, and Fred Muegge.*
- ❖ Larry & Elaine Pontious: *In gratitude for all our friends at Trinity*
- ❖ Rachel Presti & Jeremy Williams
- ❖ Barb and Tim Rand: *We sing praises to the Lord for the blessings that we have been given*
- ❖ Jane and Milt Rand: *In gratitude for family*
- ❖ Susan Rava: *With thanks for the light shining in the darkness*
- ❖ Joanne & John Roman: *To Jeff, Leah & Zach*
- ❖ Jean & George Sallwasser
- ❖ Juli Shields: *In memory of grandparents, aunts and uncles*
- ❖ Patti & Don Twellman: *For our beloved grandson, Dustin*
- ❖ Nancy & Bob Wagoner: *In celebration of the season and of our beloved family*
- ❖ Sue Young: *For the love of family*