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Ministers:
All members
of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Service of Seven Lessons and Carols

December 11, 2011

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Christmas Brass

David Porter, trumpet; Todd Wilson, trumpet
Marsha Palmer, horn; Joe Patton, trombone; Matt Murphy, tuba

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Brian, Donna and Jackson Noland 8:45

Sharen Franklin and Shelia Pringle; Diana Rustemeyer and Pam Phares 11:00

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL #49

Once In Royal David's City

IRBY

Solo: *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*All: He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern. Day by day like us He grew.
He was little, weak and helpless. Tears and smiles like us He knew.
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love.
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above.
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

*CAROL #41

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*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!*

*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!*

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end and greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.

*CAROL #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

VOLUNTARY

In the Bleak Midwinter
The FPC Lyres Club

arr. M. Odin

THE SECOND LESSON

The Child is born.
Luke 2:6-7

Blair Wessels

CAROL

All Is Well

Kilpatrick, Smith

All is well, all is well, Let there be peace on earth. Lift up your voice and sing.

Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the man-ger. Sing
Born is now Em-man-u-el. Born is our Lord and Sav-ior.

al-le, sing al-le-lu-ia!

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ANTHEM

We Adore

Sarah Hart, Scott Krippayne

*We adore these tiny hands come down to reach us, come to make the lame to walk the blind to see
We adore these hands for one day they will free us, as they hold the sin-forged nails of Calvary.
We adore these little feet that have not walked yet, for one day they'll lead the nations into love
They will break beneath the weight of all our burdens, bleeding on the tear-stained road to Golgotha.
We adore Him, Baby, Savior, King, heaven's pure and perfect offering.
Sweet salvation, mercy, Lamb and Lord. We adore. We adore
We adore these lips that cry for earthly slaking. They will breathe the words of everlasting life.
Though in agony will only speak forgiveness, in their thirst for love will drink our bitter wine.
As He chose this world, a mother, and a manger, to be born amidst our cruelty and strife,
So will He choose peace and mercy over anger. So will He die to bring us into life.*

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THE THIRD LESSON

The angels sing.
Luke 2:8-14

Jim Buckalew

*CAROL #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*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!"
Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

ANTHEM (11:00)

Mary, Mary

Avery and Marsh, arr. Burkhardt

Mary, Mary what you gonna name that baby? What you gonna name that holy baby?

Slaves are we and looking for a master. Why don't you call Him Lord? Sh! Let's all call Him Lord!
We, like sheep, need someone to guide us. Why don't you call Him Shepherd? Let's all call Him Shepherd.
Hungry and poor we need someone to save us: Why don't you call Him Savior? Let's all call Him Savior.
Kings of the world, we seek someone to rule us: Why don't you call Him King? Let's all call Him King.

The LOGOS Cherubs
Debbie Eads, leader

THE FOURTH LESSON

The shepherds' response.
Luke 2:15-20

Barbara Hopta

CAROL #56

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel!
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 mankind hath bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel!*

ANTHEM

While By My Sheep

17th century traditional

While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great my joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today.
There shall He lie in manger mean, Who shall redeem the world from sin.
Lord, evermore to me be nigh. Then shall my heart be filled with joy!

A Boy Was Born

16th century traditional

A boy was born in Bethlehem. Rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluia, alleluia!
For low He lay within a stall, Who rules forever over all. Alleluia, alleluia!
He let Himself a Servant be, that all mankind He might set free. Alleluia, alleluia!
And praised be God in threefold might, eternal, good, and infinite! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Geneva Choir

THE FIFTH LESSON

The star guides.
Matthew 2:1-6

Kiera Daugherty

CAROL #63

As With Gladness, Men of Old

DIX

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.*

*Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.*

VOLUNTARY

On Christmas Night

trad., arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

The Cappella Bell Choir

THE SIXTH LESSON

The wise men worship.
Matthew 2:7-12

Ginna Taylor

ANTHEM

One Small Child

trad., arr. M. Odin

*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 city of life.*

*One king bringing his gold and riches, One king ruling an army of might.
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight. One King bringing us life.*

*See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him. See Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father. See His tiny eyelids fall.*

*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.*

*See the shepherds kneeling before Him. See the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father. See the Blessed Infant sleep.*

*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.*

The LOGOS Angels
Mary Odin and Jennifer Snider, leaders

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

March of the Magi Kings
A Heartbeat Offering

Theodore DuBois
arr. M. Monahan

The LOGOS Youth
Marilyn Monahan and Andy Stewart, leaders

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

Lord God, in response to the great gift of Your Son, we bring our offerings with thanksgiving and praise, as we sing carols celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray.
Amen.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Love incarnate.
Galatians 4:4-7

Bill McCoy

ANTHEM

Holy Day Holly Carol *Old Cornish Carol, arr. Channing LeFebvre*

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, and Mary bore Jesus, Who was wrapped up in silk.

*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly, holly,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, and Mary bore Jesus, Who died on the cross.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, and Mary bore Jesus, Who died for us all.

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood it is red. Then trust we our Saviour, Who rose from the dead.

The Geneva Choir

HOMILY

THE SCANDAL OF SPECIFICITY:
International Scandal

Bill McCoy

*CAROL #40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*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 men their 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!*

*BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Fred Gaul, organ

arr. Edward Broughton

*The asterisks indicate when you are invited to stand, if it is comfortable for you to do so.
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

We welcome all who worship with us on this Third Sunday of Advent.

We invite you to join us for worship **next Sunday, December 18, at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**
when the message will be "THE SCANDAL OF SPECIFICITY: Social Scandal."

Christmas Eve worship services on December 24:
Children's Nativity Tableau at 5 p.m. and Traditional Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.
The whole church family will worship together on **Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.**



Good News of Great Joy

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 18.

This PC(USA) Offering supports the education of students at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges and also helps families of active and retired church workers in need through the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions.

The deadline for Christmas contributions to our Worship Memorial Fund is today.
Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank LOGOS participants James Odin and Arianna Swint for chiming the Trinity to begin our worship services last Sunday, December 4.

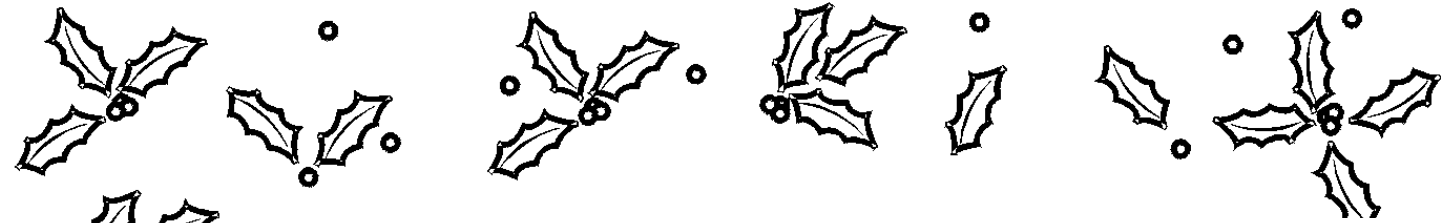
Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114

Elder Visitation: Mary Ann Schacht, Sarah Smith, Kim Stilwell

Greeters today are: Mary Craig, Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Marty Martin

PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!



GENEVA CHOIR
Mary Odin, director

Mark Brand	Perry Keller
Carole Carter	Jimmy Dale King
Marvin Conley	Kathy Lynch
Jim Crockett	Tom Marchio
Sallie Daugherty	Dawn Martinez
K. Paul Davis	Bryson McCain
Nancy Douglas	Honor McCain
Bob Glass	Marilyn Monahan
Ellen Golden	Ron Riley
Pat Hedrick	Sandy Sibray
Tim Holbrook	Vicky Sporck
Adele Holmes	Betsy Willis
Anne Keller	Kristy Zak
Judy Keller	

LOGOS CHERUBS
Debbie Eads, director

Sophie Alexander	Ian Klingler
Derek Bell	Teagan Klingler
Aidan Daugherty	Jackson Noland
Devlin Daugherty	James Odin
Dylan Hughes	Lili Peterman
Ben Isaac	Maddie Grace Smith
Will Isaac	Marshall Snider
Mattie Jordan	Jack Stewart
Sam Keller	Drew Wyne

LOGOS YOUTH

Marilyn Monahan and Andy Stewart, leaders

Bowman Alexander	Megan Pearcy
Kiera Daugherty	Savannah Reese
Adrienne Hughes	Sarah Snider
Leslie Pearcy	Anna Stilwell

LOGOS ANGELS

Mary Odin and Jennifer Snider, leaders

Julia Battle	William Peterman
Jocelyn Harold	Zoë Peterman
Taylor Hightower	Will Snider
Camryn Hughes	Arianna Swint
Wesley Klingler	Maddie Swint
Ruth Odin	Kimiya Williams

CAPPELLA BELL CHOIR

Kathy Lynch, director

Aaron Alexander	Jackie Lilly
Patti Alexander	Dawn Martinez
Kathy Chesley	Dina Mohler
Amy Cottrell	Paul Shannon
Perry Keller	Sandy Sibray
Shannon Knight	Vicky Sporck

FPC LYRES CLUB

Mary Odin, leader

Carole Carter	Judy Keller
Claude Churchwell	Carla LaPelle
Carol Costello	Sarah McGriff
Mitzi Cyrus	Mary Odin
Betty Damewood	Nancy Parker
Diane Holcomb	Mona Scaggs
Barbara Hopta	Cathy Wallace
Sara Joseph	Karen White
Kellee Karimpour	

WORSHIP TEAM

Bill McCoy and Mary Odin, leaders

Marvin Conley	Dave Pearcy
Tom Daugherty	Sandy Sibray
Adele Holmes	Andy Stewart
Bill McCoy	Brett Webster
Marilyn Monahan	Kristy Zak
Mary Odin	

