



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2010

11:00 PM

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

TIME FOR PREPARATION

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

PRELUDE (Selections from the following:)

The King Shall Come
The Hills Are Bare in Bethlehem
Child Born of Mary
Ding, Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Cathy Moglebust
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arr. Malcom C. Wilson
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Cappella Bells
Kathy Lynch, director

Joy to the World
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Still, Still, Still
What Child Is This?
Angels We Have Heard on High
Silent Night
I Wonder As I Wander
Away in a Manger

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CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN 56

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Lord our God, You reign over all creation,
yet we try to reduce You to the limits of our understanding.
You come to enlighten us,
and we shield ourselves from the brightness of Your revelation.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jim Roberts

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

A Nativity Suite: IV The Three Kings

W. Held

*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, on this Holy Night, help us to recognize in this season of giving the abiding importance of these gifts to Your work in the world, here and around the globe. May our joy be increased, and may our giving reflect a cheerful spirit and faith in Your abiding love. In Christ's name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Star Carol

John Rutter

*Sing this night, for a Boy is born in Bethlehem. Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies.
Bring your gifts. Come and worship at His cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night. Follow me joyfully! Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!

*Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer:
"Sing! Rejoice, for a King is come to save us! Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!"*

*See, He lies in His mother's tender keeping, Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.
Shepherds poor come to worship and adore Him, offer their humble gifts before the Son of Mary.*

*Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing His praise on this joyful Christmas Night!
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation! Hurry to Bethlehem and see the Son of Mary!*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:8-20, Pew Bible, NT p. 58	Bill McCoy
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		Bill McCoy
SERMON	Wonder	Bill McCoy
PASSING THE LIGHT TO THE CONGREGATION		Bill McCoy
CAROL 60	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.*

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
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*CAROL 40	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
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*Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n 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 ...*

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

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this evening.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel.

Please accompany children.

Greeters this evening are: Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Betty Kerns, Janice Lessley

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