



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2014
5:30 & 8:00 P.M.

WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "From Heaven High I Come to You" Johann Pachelbel
"Noël Suisse" Louis-Claude Daquin

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE:

Fanfare on "O God Beyond All Praising"arr. Kevin Hildebrand
based on theme from Gustav Holsts' The Planets

Flourish on "Joy to the World" arr. Robert Hobby

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Chris, Emily, Ann Maxwell, and Emmaline Coats (5:30)
McKenzie Franklin and Natalie Meeks (8:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: "Arise, Shine"Dan Forrest

Arise, shine! For thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIPRichard G. Cain (5:30)
Gerry A. Peak (8:00)

♣PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" . . REGENT SQUARE

♣PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3, 18-22.Emily Hardin (5:30)
(page 619 in pew Bible) Grant Lewis (8:00)

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO CHRIST THE KING

Our special offering today is for the Caring Ministry Fund. This fund assists those in need among our members and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please use the special envelope in the pew rack or mark your check "Caring Ministry Fund."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest
English Carol, 16th Century

Congregation may stay seated and sing with choir:

**The first Noel 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

Choir only:

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Congregation stand and sing:

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION David A. Bowen (5:30)
Michael G. Stokke (8:00)

✦GREETINGS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 Courtney Billions (5:30)
(page 857 in pew Bible) Hugh Stephens (8:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY *The Glory of the Lord Shone* Sanders L. Willson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF INVITATION: No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, who inhabits eternity
but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit:
before You and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins.
We have ignored the presence of Your Spirit.
We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge.
We have been blind to Your coming
in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled,
the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.
In Your great goodness put away our offenses
and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is meet and right and our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and we praise You, King of Heaven, for Your lowly humility and Your infinite love whereby You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of Light;

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.

SONG OF ADORATION..... ADESTE FIDELES

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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild" J.S. Bach

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, Your Father's will You have fulfilled.
From heav'n above to earth You came, and born as man You took our name.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, Your birth the world with hope has filled.
Your death has ransomed our lost race, for on the cross You took our place.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, we seek to do what You have willed.
All that we have comes from above; Lord, keep us walking in Your love.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" Johann Ebeling

All my heart this night rejoices
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing
Till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.

Forth today the Conqu'ror goeth,
Who the foe, sin and woe, earth and hell, o'er throweth.
God is man, man to deliver;
His dear Son now is one with our blood forever.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
Who, to save, freely gave His most cherished Treasure?
To redeem us, He hath given His own Son
From the throne of His might in heaven.

He becomes the Lamb that taketh
Sin away and for aye full atonement maketh.
For our life His own He tenders; and our race,
By His grace, meet for glory renders.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, doth entreat: "Flee from woe and danger.
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you, you are freed;
All you need I will surely give you."

Come, then, banish all your sadness,
One and all, great and small; come with songs of gladness.
Love Him who with love is glowing;
Hail the star, near and far light and joy bestowing.

Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish.
Though my breath fail in death, yet I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide forever
There on high, in that joy which can vanish never.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH: "Silent Night! Holy 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, heav'nly 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!**

♣HYMN OF JOY No. 195: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Festive Flourish on "Joy to the World!" Michael Dell

♣Indicates congregation standing

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Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Paraments

The season of the Christ Child is represented by a brilliant golden star, the star that appeared in the East. Its radiant beams streaming downward toward earth are embroidered upon a Pulpit Scarf of white needlepoint, symbolizing purity. Upon each white Bible Marker is the Chi Rho, designed with a horizontal bar over the top of the two cross bars of Chi, suggesting a manger, intersected by the vertical symbol, Rho.



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