



*O come,
let us adore Him*

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5PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015
CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prelude	<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	arr. L. Larson	**Hymn – 134	<i>Joy to the World!</i>
Bell Processional	<i>Ring Those Bells</i> LOGOS BUGS		Invitation to Offering	
Welcome and Announcements			Offertory	<i>Adore</i> “The Band” arr. Chris Tomlin
Lighting of the Christ Candle		FISH Youth		<i>This evening, along with our regular offering, we will collect the Christmas Joy offering—one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). The monies collected as part of the Christmas Joy offering will be used to provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families as well as to enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. If you wish to give to the Christmas Joy offering please place your donation in the envelope included in the bulletin.</i>
Response	<i>On Our Way to Bethlehem</i> LOGOS Hallelujah Choir	arr. Jacobson/ Emerson	**Doxology (see insert)	<i>Doxology</i>
Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People) L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.			Christmas Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)	
**Call to Worship L: Because Christ has been born in the world... P: people who walked in darkness now live in great light. L: Because Christ has been born in the world... P: the power to oppress and kill will not stand. L: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder... P: with the angels, we sing glory to God; with the shepherds, we share the good news; with Mary, we ponder the words of this night, and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.			Special Music	<i>Breath of Heaven</i> Ashlee Hoffman, voice Laura Yawney, oboe arr. C. Eaton
**Hymn – 133	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>		Lighting of the Candles (seated)	<i>The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. The candles of the congregation should be extinguished after the last stanza of Silent Night.</i>
**Silent Prayer of Confession			Hymn – 122 (seated)	<i>Silent Night</i>
**Common Prayer of Confession God of Love Incarnate, we confess that, with the shepherds, we are terrified of your glory; for in glory’s light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how garments of war are still stained with blood; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world, but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we do not practice the peace you intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the Savior’s name we pray. Amen.			1. <i>Silent night, holy night!</i> <i>All is calm, all is bright,</i> <i>Round yon virgin mother and child!</i> <i>Holy Infant, so tender and mild,</i> <i>Sleep in heavenly peace,</i> <i>Sleep in heavenly peace.</i>	3. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i> <i>Son of God, love’s pure light</i> <i>Radiant beams from Thy holy face,</i> <i>With the dawn of redeeming grace,</i> <i>Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,</i> <i>Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.</i>
**Assurance of Pardon L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel... P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!			2. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i> <i>Shepherds quake at the sight,</i> <i>Glories stream from heaven afar,</i> <i>Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;</i> <i>Christ the Savior is born,</i> <i>Christ the Savior is born.”</i>	4. <i>Silent Night, holy night!</i> <i>Wondrous star, lend thy light;</i> <i>With the angels let us sing,</i> <i>“Alleluia to our King;</i> <i>Christ the Savior is born,</i> <i>Christ the Savior is born.”</i>
Special Music	<i>Christmas Songs of Joy</i> LOGOS Grace Notes Choir	arr. J. Martin	Benediction	
The Christmas Story – A Participatory Retelling			Postlude	<i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i> Traditional English Melody
Special Music	<i>Prince of Peace</i> ROCK Bell Choir	arr. M.L. Thompson	Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening!	
Homily		Rev. Scott Hoffman		