



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2011
5:30 & 8:00 p.m.



Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Liturgy of the Word

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Come All Ye Faithful" J.F. Wade
Lenora Morrow, Organist

STRINGS PRELUDE: "Larghetto from Serenade for Strings" Edward Elgar

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Kim and Earl Blankenship, Brent, Preston, and Elizabeth (5:30)
Cayce and John Maxwell, Kellan, Eli, and Sam (8:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" 17th Century German

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angel choirs, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in one: Alleluia!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson (5:30)
Ronald G. Sadlow (8:00)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
*stanza 1: Christy Young, soloist
stanza 2: Choir
stanzas 3-5: Congregation*

✦THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-20 Kate Carruthers (5:30)
(page 857 in pew Bible) Lacy Moore (8:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IRBY

**O for grace our hearts to soften! Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often what a Friend we have above:
But when home our souls are brought, we will love You as we ought.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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: "O Magnum Mysterium" Morton Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium,
Et admirabile sacramentum
Ut animalia viderent Dominum
Natum, jacentem in praeseptio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
Meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery,
And wondrous sacrament,
That animals should see the new-
Born Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
Was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthroned Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4, 5 Wilson Orr (5:30)
(page 974 in pew Bible) Luke McCann (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 *When the Fulness of Time Had Come* 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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
Who graciously sent Your Son
at just the right time to deliver us from our sins,
we confess our impatience and unbelief,
our wayward thoughts and words and deeds.
Please forgive us,
for we are truly sorry and do humbly repent.
Renew our hearts
that we may rejoice in Your redeeming love,
wait upon Your gracious timing,
and live for You in grateful obedience
on this special night and in the days to come,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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,
heav'n 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: "Love Came Down at Christmas" John Rutter
Text by Christina Rossetti

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and Love be mine;
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Still, Still, Still" Traditional German Carol
arr. Mack Wilberg

Still, still, still, the Child's eyes softly close.
And Mary, breathless, draws Him, weeping,
To her heart made pure for keeping.
Still, still, still, His bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing. He hears and sweetly smiles.
And kneeling Joseph joins in chorus
With the angels bending o'er us.
Sing, sing, sing. He hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, O sleep. He breathes a tender sigh,
For soon He'll wake the wake from slumber,
Bringing life and endless wonder,
Sleep, sleep, O sleep. He breathes a tender sigh.
Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep, sleep, sleep.

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 THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" arr. W.H. Bates

♣Indicates congregation standing

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

We will celebrate tomorrow during one morning service at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School/CCs and Sunday Night Worship will not meet.

Nursery will be available for ages 2 and under.



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