

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2009

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

The Prelude

Deck the Halls
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Mollie Asbury Tolbert, piano (4:00)

Traditional

Angels We Have Heard on High
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Gene Salyer, clarinet and Jane Kimbrel, organ

arr. Anderson/Holstein
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*The Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High
Jimmy Faircloth, song leader

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*The Greeting and Invocation

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

Leader: Glory to God in the Highest!

People: Peace on earth! Good will to all people!

All: Jesus Christ is born, O come let us adore Him!

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Rev. Roland Fall

4:00 Sean and Jenifer McCarthy, Eric and Adam, and Ben Filkins

6:00 Corky and Suzanne Powell and Family

Leader:

Tonight we light three purple candles and one pink candle to remind us of the Hope, Love, Joy and Peace we can have in Jesus who is Christ.

People:

We are grateful for all the marvelous gifts!

We also light the Christ candle this Christmas Eve to remind us of the gifts of God's only Son, our Savior, the Light of the World.

Thanks be to God!

Now all the candles of the wreath are lighted.

The Christ candle reminds us that Christ is here!

Christ is with us! God is for us!

No matter how crowded and unwelcoming the world seems,
Christ is with us! God is for us!

Glory to God! Christ has come!

The Light of the World is shining to drive away all the darkness in us.

Let us open our lives to the Light that God shines on us.

Glory to God in the highest! The Light of the World is shining into our hearts.

*The Hymn of Preparation

What Child Is This

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The Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Billy Kimbrel

The Offertory Solo *O Holy Night* arr. Richard Walters
Miriam Marchetti, soprano

The Scripture Rev. Jackson-Adams

Leader: The grass withers and the flower falls
But the word of the Lord abides forever!

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Rev. Jackson-Adams

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

4:00 Musical Selections:

Christmas Lullaby (Love Will Lead You Home) Grant/Eaton

Kellie and Mallory Bowen, vocal duet with Miriam Marchetti, piano

Silent Night Gruber/Roud

Deborah Walker, piano

Winter Carol Rosetti/Porterfield

Ansley Tolleson, soloist and Hayley Gray, flute

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French Carol

trumpet and piano

In Quiet Joy Marcel Dupre'

organ

6:00 Musical Selections:

Not That Far From Bethlehem arr. Snyder

Miriam Marchetti and Nanette O'Neill, vocal duet

Away in a Manger arr. David Smither

Catherine Kimbrel, flute and Jane Kimbrel, piano

Winter Carol Rosetti/Porterfield

Ansley Tolleson, soloist

Some Children See Him Hutson/Burt

trumpet and piano

In Quiet Joy Marcel Dupre'

organ

I Wonder As I Wonder John Jacob Niles

trumpet and piano

*The Lighting of the Christmas Candles

(words to *Silent Night* found on back of bulletin)

*The Benediction

Rev. Jackson-Adams

(Please deposit candles in the baskets located near the exits.)

(*stand as able)

Silent Night, Holy Night

***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!***

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams, Senior Pastor

Rev. Roland Fall, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Rev. Billy Kimbrel, Associate Pastor for Evangelism

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Jane Kimbrel, Director of Music Ministry

Brant Pickard, Youth Pastor

Grace Daniel, Organist

Deborah Walker, Piano

Miriam Marchetti, Associate/Pianist

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