

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Christmas Eve

2006

4:30 p.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

"Good News of great joy . . .  
to you is born this day a Savior Who is Christ the Lord."

Prelude

*"Away in a Manger"*  
Jacob Coffiman, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the *Christ Candle*

Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 96*)

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name,  
And proclaim salvation from day to day!**  
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised;  
It is God Who made heaven and earth.  
**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Let the whole world tremble in awe!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Carol 22

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**O God, your grace has appeared for the salvation of all, calling us to renounce false gods and irresponsible love. In the midst of our sin, Christ has appeared as a sign of our hope, redeeming us out of darkness and into the light and calling us to be a people eager to do your will. We confess the vain worship of ourselves and our neglect of your children. Forgive us and empower us to live upright and faithful lives in the world. . . .**(time for silent confession). . .

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the pew Bible

\*Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: *Titus 3:4-7*

p. 262 in the pew Bible

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:1-7*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

Anthem

*"Gloria!"*  
Covenant Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:8-20*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

Anthem

*"Little Jesus"*  
Carol Choir

Children's Story

Carol 25

*"Away in a Manger"*

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

p. 780 in the pew Bible

Christmas Meditation

*"Night Light"*  
Patrick Dennis

Carol 44

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

Service of Offering  
Offertory

*“What is this Lovely Fragrance?”*

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

p. 592 in the Hymnal

**Litany for Christmas**

The Word was made flesh, **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

And dwelt among us, **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, King of glory, Son of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Lord;

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

**Glory to you, O Lord! Amen.**

Sharing the Light

Carol

*“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! 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.

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.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Carol 29

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

\*Postlude

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

arr. Anna Laura Page

**WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

The Session, staff, and members of our church pray God's blessing be upon you and yours tonight and in the year to come. *The Presbyterian Church* has served Christ in this community since 1808. We are here to serve you as well. If you have no church home, we invite you to begin the new year with us in worship, study and fellowship. May your Christmas be filled with the joy of faith in Jesus Christ.

Tonight's Children's Story is The Donkey's Christmas Song by Nancy Taturi.

The flowers at the front of the Sanctuary are given by Joanne & Harry Farley to honor their grandchildren, *Christopher and Nikolas Farley, David King, III, Peyton King, and Kristina Farley.*

The wreaths on the windows are given by Betty Ellett and Bryan Lewis *to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty's mother and Bryan's grandmother, Doris Sheppard Ellett Bookman.*

Our thanks to David & Tammy Hancock and family for lighting the *Christ Candle* tonight and to our readers: Caroline Deaderick, Emily Humes, and Mary Grace Humes

Greeters: The Patrick Catullo Family and the Chuck Smith Family

Ushers: Tom & Karla Lewis, Joe Le Febre, Jerry Zekert, Libby Baker, Bill Baer

Chair Lift: Pete Humes