

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
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Christmas Eve - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Gracious Lord, our Advent journey has culminated in this night.
As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder,
open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory.
For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our newborn King. Amen.*

Prelude Hymns: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* GTG #121 vs. 1,2

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" GTG #132 vs. 1,2

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Will Family

Leader: The people who walked in darkness

People: have seen a great light!

Leader: Those who once lived in shadows

People: Now rejoice at what the Lord has done!

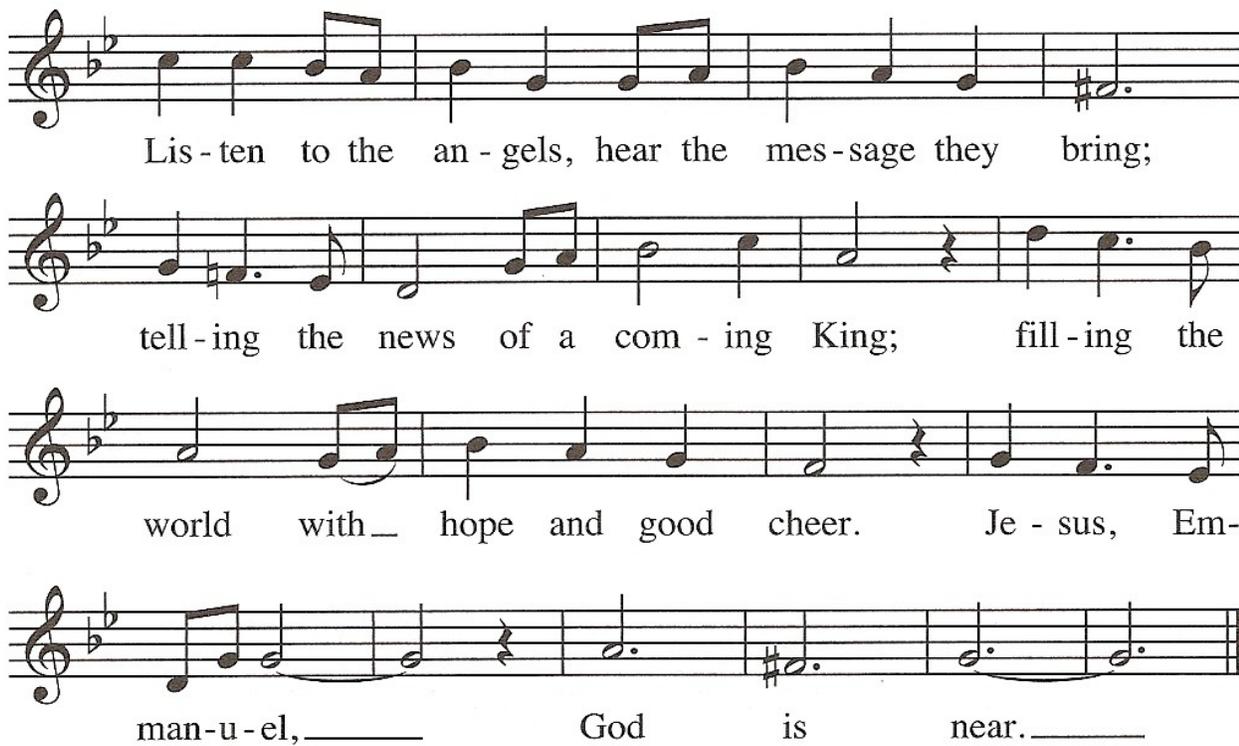
Leader: For to us a child is born! A Savior is given!

**People: He will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!' He will bring
justice for the poor, and defend the rights of the helpless.**

Leader: He will nourish righteousness and embody love. He will
bring peace: for lions and lambs, hawks and doves, people
and peoples.

The Christ candle is lit.

Advent Hymn: "God is Near"



Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -
man - u - el, God is near.

Call to Worship

Leader: Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: To night we hear again the good news that was given for all people.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

*Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" GTG #133

*Prayer of Prayer of Confession (unison)

All: Gather us around the manger, Lord Jesus;
let us sing in awe of the miracle of your birth.

**You were born in the shadow of a cross,
and you came to be our Savior.
Give us the eyes of a child to see all things new and the
wisdom of a sage to remember the promises of old.**

**Forgive us when we have forgotten you and trusted
In our own strength. We have become weary from
carrying these burdens of sin and sorrow.
Abide with us, O Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance**

Leader: Know that God's promises are for you! God does not want us to make ourselves worthy of forgiveness.

People: **We only need to open our hearts and come clean to God.**

Leader: Friends, believe and live out the good news

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

***Response:** *"Go Tell It on The Mountain"* GTG #136

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o're silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Choir: *"Star Child"*

Sung by: Grace Celebre, Leah Dersch, Tyler & Andy Kolecki, Avery & Erin Sullenberger, and Tess & Emma Standring

Lorraine Brown, Director

*Star child, earth child, go between of God,
love child, Christ child, heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

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*Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

*Spared child, spoiled child, having wanting more,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

*Hope for peace child, God's stupendous sign,
down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Children's Sermon

Anthem: *"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"*

Peggy Haines

Lesson: Luke 1:39-56 (p.932)

***Hymn:** *"The First Nowell"* GTG #147

Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 (p.933)

Meditation: *"What Do You Hope For"*

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***Hymn:** *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* GTG #123

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Our Offering

*"Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect."*

~ Oren Arnold~

Musical Meditation *"Evening Prayer"* Hansel & Gretel arr. Humperdinck
Handbell Duet
Andy Wilson & Sami Fulton

***Song of Dedication** - *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* GTG #144 - last verse

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb:
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 (p.931)

***Hymn:** *"Away In a Manger"* GTG #115

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, petition,
and the Lord's Prayer.

All: **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, for ever. Amen.**

Lesson: John 1:1-5 (p.966)

***Hymn:** *“Silent Night, Holy Night!”* GTG #122

*(The Congregation is invited to move to the walls to form a circle and
light their candles - tipping the unlit candle.*

Battery powered candles are available for children)

**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!**

***Leader:** The Light of Christ goes into all the world!

***Benediction**

Hymn: *“Joy to the World”* GTG #134

**Joy to the World the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove:
the glories of his love and righteousness
and wonders of his love and wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of his love.**



Go Forward and Serve!

Be a part of God's work through CPC!
Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am

Special thanks to our guest musicians tonight Andy Wilson,
Sami Fulton on bells, cantor Peggy Haines, Elyssa
Greenberg on oboe, and reader Keith Haines.



Christmas Poinsettias Given with love by:



Ray & Catherine Burns in memory of Bill & Margaret Hearn and loved ones.

Art Dickol in memory of my wife, Betty.

Marie & Bill Goulburn in memory of Katharine Goulburn.

Peggy & Keith Haines in memory Edward Haines and Peggy & Ray Beck

Pastor Kate Killebrew in memory of Patsy & Gay Killebrew and in honor of my husband, Gary Salmon

June Lattimore in memory of my Aunt, Hazel Steckclair and in honor of my Parents.

Candace & Bob Lowden & Family in memory of loved ones.

Barry & Carol Longmire in memory of Bertha Mae Moore.

The Miller Family in memory of Nolan Miller, Grace & Nevin Miller, and Marie & Bruce Peters

Carolyn & Art Moffett in memory Bill & Hazel Waters, George & Ella Moffett and honor of Lt. J. G. George M. Moffett

Lois & Syd Noyes in memory of loved ones.

Will & Kirsten Powell in memory of Robert Swing, Jr. and in honor of the birth of Laurelei Powell

The Smentek Family in memory of Jeffrey "Poppy" Smentek

The Family of Violet Tumminia in her memory.

Linda & Paul Young in memory of loved ones.



*Have a beautiful
and blessed Christmas.*

WE WELCOME YOU

to this evening's service of worship!

*If you are seeking a church home, we'd be pleased to have you join us
at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service or our
contemporary worship service on Wednesday, January 5 at 7 p.m.*



Contact the church office or visit our website for more information.



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