

Collingswood Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve

7:00 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

Introit: "He is Born, the Divine Christ Child"
Chancel Choir

arr. John Leavitt

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lowden 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 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

Anthem - *"Carols Three"*

Chancel Choir

Please join in singing the last carol *"Hark! The Herald Angel Sing"*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p.624)

***Hymn:** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* GTG #113

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-14 (p.933)

Sermon: *“Christmas Hope”*

The Rev. Dr. Katherine G. Killebrew

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~

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Meditation *“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”*

*J.S. Bach
arr. Sue Gordon*

Bell Tree Solo - Steven Wilson

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray,

Prayers of Petition ending with the Lord's Prayer:

(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

*Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us, from heaven's high throne.
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day:
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In time of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver, your child most dear.
For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And Yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, Resounding again,
From all of creation, forever! Amen.*

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements: *(Please hold the elements until all are served.)*

The Bread: "What Child is This" GTG #145 (vrs. 1, 2)

The Cup: "Celtic Advent Carol" - Joseph Martin

Peggy Haines & Chrissy O'Brien

Prayer after communion (unison)

All: May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:
That the God who breathes this world into being
placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's
wing is the God who entrusted his life to the care of
ordinary people became vulnerable that we might know
how strong is the power of Love. A mystery so deep it is
impossible to grasp. A mystery so beautiful it is
impossible to ignore Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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)*

**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**

(As the light returns to the congregation, please join in singing)

***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 Steven Wilson, Alex Hertzog, Greg Kuhn & Nate MacAdams on trumpets, soloists Peggy Haines & Chrissy O'Brien, and reader Chris McNabb.

Greeters: Chris McNabb and Barbara Bockmann

Ushers: Martha Jane Caldwell Bates and Brett Salmon

Communion Servers: Fred & Lorrie Heuser, Erica Werner, Linda Herzog, & Keith Haines

(Please place candles in the boxes at the rear of the sanctuary as you leave.)



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 .*



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



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