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Presbyterian Church*

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***SINGING THE SONGS
OF CHRISTMAS***

*FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016
7:00 PM*





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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: As we gather this night, let us pray for receptive hearts that we may more fully understand the meaning of God, coming to us through Jesus Christ, a baby born in a manger.
- P: **Let us pray for open minds and hearts that we may hear with fresh ears the words of Scripture.**
- L: Let us pray that our eyes will see your presence in the beauty of the night and this sanctuary.
- P: **Let us pray that we may love each other more fully.**
- L: Let us pray that we may be filled with your Spirit and rejoice in your love.
- ALL: **Through worship together, send us forth in your strength to heal the hurts of your world and bring a kingdom of peace and good will on earth. AMEN.**

PRAYER

We gather, O Lord, to celebrate your birth with joy and thanksgiving. The story is so familiar and yet the words of Scripture often shimmer with light and leap from the page granting new understanding. Through your gift of the Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to new understanding of Christ’s coming and the promise his kingdom will fill the earth. Send us forth renewed through your Holy Spirit and filled with hope. AMEN.

CAROL “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”#41

THE SHEPHERDS: Joel Love, Rev. Darwin Goshorn & Narrator Rev. Alice Meloy

SOLO “STILL, STILL, STILL”Meg Meloy

CAROL “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”#44

SOLO “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD” Joel Love

THE ANGELS

CAROL “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” #23

Scripture Reading LUKE 2:9-14 Jeanette St. Clair

Dr. Harlow -- Meg Meloy;.....Dr. Peale -- Kay Clugston

CAROL "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" #31

A CHILD IS BORN

CAROL "AWAY IN A MANGER" #24

CAROL "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR" #38

THE WISEMEN

CAROL "WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE" #66

VERSE 1 – ALL

VERSE 2 -- Joel Love

VERSE 3 -- Darwin Goshorn

VERSES 4 & 5 -- ALL

OUR GIFT: *In honor of the Wisemen, we are making donations to Heifer International to purchase a sheep, \$120. Offering plates are provided at the back of the church. Sheep provide families with high-quality wool and their milk is also wonderfully rich and nutritious. The family who receives a gift of sheep will pass on the gift of a lamb to another family in need, so our gift will make twice the impact.*

GO TELL THE GOOD NEWS

SHINE LIKE STARS IN THE SKY – (VOICES: St. Peter, Isaiah, Jeremiah)

CAROL "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" #29

LITANY:

L: Eternal God, you are our light in the midst of darkness,

P: The dawn of our hope in the face of hopelessness,

L: The source of joy in the midst of despair,

P: The author of new beginnings in the face of endings,

L: The bringer of companionship in the midst of loneliness,

P: You are the one who created us and who continues to create us,

L: To be all that we might become in your image.

P: With all who have looked to you for hope and deliverance,

ALL: We proclaim your coming and sing with joy. Amen.

CAROL "JOY TO THE WORLD" #40

CANDLE LIGHTING CIRCLE

Scripture Reading JOHN 1:4:11-14

Christ said, "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

Let us form a circle, lighting our candles from the Christ candle, passing the light from one to another symbolizing our unity in Christ as we go forth into the darkness of the world, working and praying Christ's kingdom of peace and love will come.

CAROL "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round you virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly host sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
3. 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.
4. 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.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We thank Henrietta Speer, organist; readers and singers: Kay Clugston, Darwin Goshorn (supply preacher), Joel Love, Rev. Alice Meloy (moderator and author), Meg Meloy, and Jeanette St. Clair. Thanks to Bob St. Clair, Jr. for preparing the bulletin, and thanks to those who decorated the sanctuary using the theme of shepherds, stars, angels, and light.

There will be a Session meeting on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017 AT 1:00 PM** at the Meloy residence to prepare for the Congregational meeting on January 22nd.

***We wish all of you a Christmas filled with blessings from God
and His peace which passes all understanding!***

