

# Christmas Eve Family Worship Service



First Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2010  
5:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Craig Foster

*Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.*

Introit

*Today a Savior is Born*

Lynn Bailey

Soloists: Susi Wright and Emily Cowan

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

West Indies Carol

Children's Choirs

Bruce Campbell, piano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Norman, Donna, Caroline, and Andy Pulliam

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** (Please remain seated while singing.)

W Zlobie Lezy

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, Little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing,  
Tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Lighting Ceremony

Unison Prayer

Lord, we rejoice that you have come among us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the Light of the World. Help us to remember that, if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

† Carol

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye,  
to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels!

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens  
of heaven above!  
Glory to God,  
glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

† Congregation will stand.

# The Journey to Bethlehem

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**The Birth of Jesus:** Luke 2:1-7

Mason Barrett, Hannah Stathakis

Carol

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care.  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**Angels Tell of Jesus' Birth:** Luke 2:8-14

Mac Barrett

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**Shepherds Go to See Baby Jesus:** Luke 2:15-19

Catherine Chapman

Carol

Silent 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!"

**Wise Men Bring Gifts:** Matthew 2:1-12

Katy Meade Groke, Cameron Gaubert

*After all kings come forward, the Christmas Eve Offering will be received.  
Loose offering will go toward our Winter Warmth Project, providing coats for local children.*

## Offertory Carol

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

*Refrain*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

*Refrain*

## We Three Kings

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising we are raising,  
Worshipping God Most High.

*Refrain*

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*Refrain*

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

## Carol

*Refrain:*

*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'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

## Go Tell It On the Mountain

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*

## Benediction

## Postlude



Director.....Penny Wright  
Innkeeper.....Ridgley Beckett  
Holy Family.....Grant, Mary Grace, and Jane Close  
Lead Angel.....Hannah Deese  
Lead Shepherd.....Hunter Popkin  
Lead Wise Men.....Mac Barrett, Mason Barrett, Jake Popkin