



A Special Service of Celebration

Christmas Eve 2006

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

PRELUDE *And the Glory of the Lord* from Messiah G.F. Handel, arr. Nastelin
Christmas Symphony J.S. Bach, arr. Goldsworthy
Amy Camillo, Piano & Lucas Weiss, Organ
(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT *O Holy Night* A. Adam
Sue Denzer, Soloist

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Jonathan Fettig and Melissa Pohl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
Liturgist: For to us a child has been born, to us a son is given.
**People: Authority rests upon this one, whose name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN No. 41** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

***CONFESSION OF SIN** *(In Unison)*
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive us, illumine us, restore our sight, that we might see you, and trust you, anew.
(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 604)
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Marilyn Nagy

ANTHEM *Christmas Lullaby* J. Rutter

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 197)
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 23** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

SERMON LESSON: Luke 2:1-14 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 53)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **"Good News"** Jonathan P. Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(In Unison)* Apostles' Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory *Silent Night* arr. W. Held

***PRESENTATION, The Doxology** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN No. 60** *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Welcome, Son of Mary* arr. C. Uehlein

***Those who are able, please stand**