

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

PRELUDE

9:30 P.M.

“Say to Them That are of a Fearful Heart”	Everet Titcomb
“The Truth from Above”	arr. R. Vaughan Williams
“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”	arr. Allan J. Hommerding
“Still, Still, Still”	German Carol/arr. By Philip Ledger
“Baloo, Lammy”	Franklin D. Ashdown
“See, Amid the Winter’s Snow”	John Goss/arr. Dan Forrest
“No la Devemos Dormir la Noche Santa”	Spanish anonymous
Katherine Kuckelman, soprano	
“In the Bleak Midwinter”	Harold Darke
Clare Elich, mezzo-soprano, Michael Owens, tenor	
“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (Hymn 54)	Ernst Pepping

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.

(Please sign and pass Friendship Registry)

THE LIGHT PRESENTED

CHORAL INTROIT

“Hodie Christus Natus Est from Hodie!” Z. Randall Stroope

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzy S. Edwards

Leader: 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.**
Leader: Come, let us worship the Living God
People: **whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

+ ✦ OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn No. 41

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION (A pause for silent confession follows.)

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, forgive us, we pray, when throughout this season we are so caught up in the preparations for gatherings and gifting that we push aside the wonder of what you have accomplished in the coming of Christ. Forgive us when we so easily get entangled in the news of the day as well as our own plans, forgetting to pay attention to the true miracle of Christmas. On this night, Gracious God, may the songs of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds and the joy of Mary and Joseph become part of our lives. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our spirits to once again hear the glad and joyous news that the Word became flesh and dwelled among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+ ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Away in a Manger” (verse 1) Hymn No. 25

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Nancy and Craig Hanson

✦ Those who are able, please stand.

+ Latecomers are asked to take their seats at this time.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9 (pew Bible, page 558)

ANTHEM

“What Sweeter Music” John Rutter

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:39-56; 2:1-7 (pew Bible, page 831)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“CHRIST WAS HERE” The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ THE APOSTLES’ CREED (unison)

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✦ HYMN OF REFLECTION

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymn No. 44

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam

Greg Pipkin, bass

✦ A DOXOLOGY

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (verse 3) Hymn No. 23
*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Rev. Art Gatewood

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

“O Magnum Mysterium” Tomas Luis de Victoria

(please see back of bulletin for translation)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE LIGHT REFLECTED

CANDLELIGHTING

The ministers will light their candles from the Christ candle and proceed to light the candles of those serving as ushers.

The ushers will then carry the light into the congregation.

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Silent Night, Holy Night” Hymn No. 60

✦ Those who are able, please stand.

+ Latecomers are asked to take their seats at this time.

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World!”

Hymn No. 40

✦ POSTLUDE

Fugue on “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (Hymn 54)

Johann Pachelbel

Extinguished candles should be placed in the boxes on the portico as you exit the sanctuary.

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ADVENT WREATH

Lighting the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath tonight: Nancy and Craig Hanson.

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CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

This offering is a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's. It is one of two special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offered to members of our congregation and will be received during Christmas services. For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). This year, the Christmas Joy Offering will provide critical financial assistance to church leaders in need, and will nurture the promise of our future church leaders by providing scholarships at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools.

Offering envelopes will be available in the pews. All donations should be made payable to First (Scots) and designated for the Christmas Joy Offering.

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GREETERS SERVING US: Steve Harth, Betsy Martin

USHERS SERVING US: Whit Smith, Anne Smith, Keith Blake, Janie Farr, Michael Branch, Matt Spath, Clark Truluck, Harrison Siegling, John Dietz, Pat Dietz

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“O Magnum Mysterium” Translation

*O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!*



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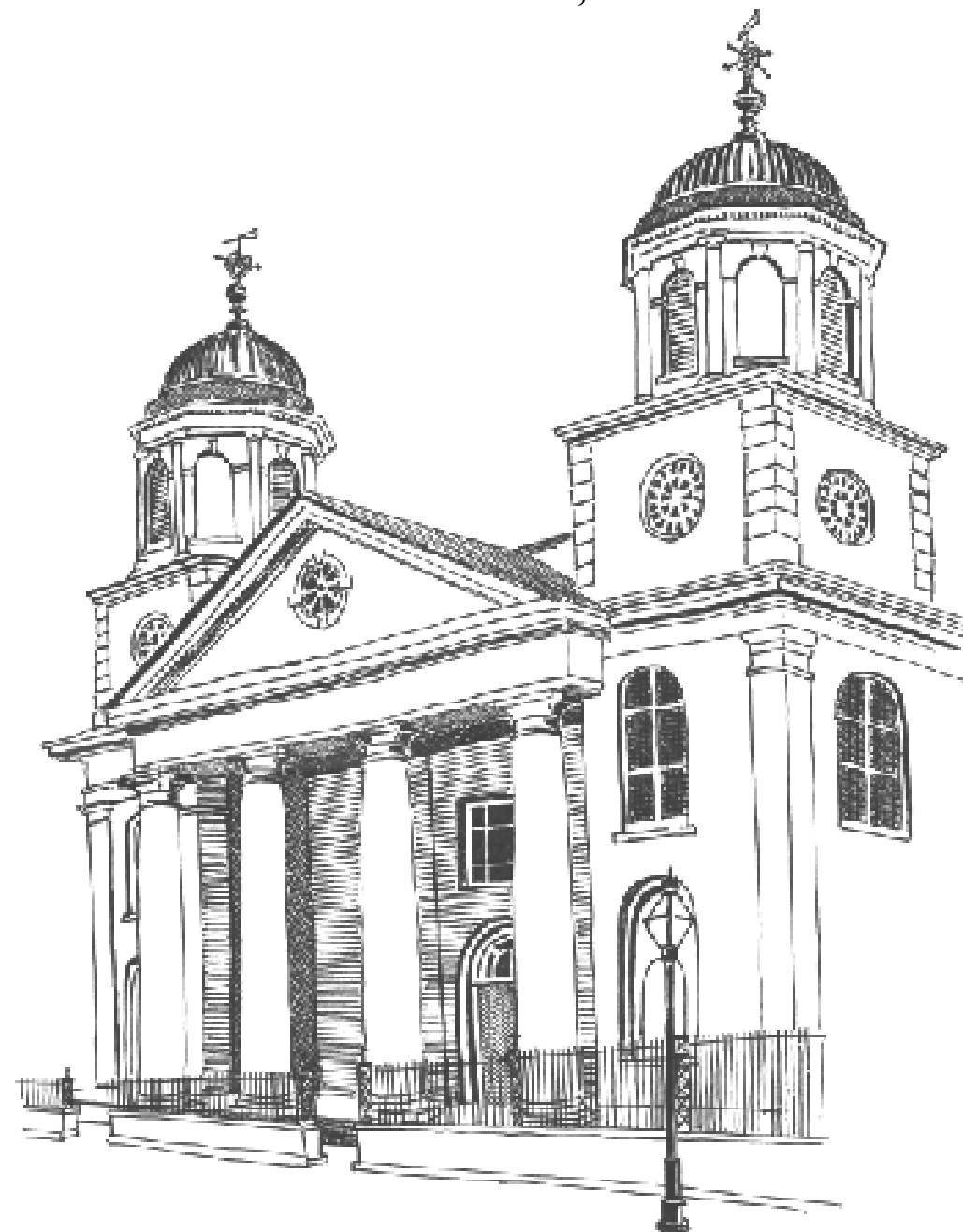
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