

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

EXULT, O MORNING STARS AFLAME!

*Exult, O morning stars aflame!
with all the works of God proclaim
the Child of Bethlehem who came
for love and love alone.*

*Come earth and air and sky and sea,
bear witness to his deity
who lived, the Man of Galilee,
for love and love alone.*

*By faith behold the Crucified,
his arms of mercy open wide,
the Lamb of Calvary, who died
for love and love alone.*

*Let every eye his glories see,
who was, and is, and is to be;
who reigns as Christ in Majesty
for love and love alone.*

* (pause) *

*O world, by strife and sorrow torn,
new hope is yours on Christmas morn,
the Prince of Peace a child is born,
for love and love alone.*

—Timothy Dudley-Smith, from *GREAT IS THE GLORY*

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

“Christmas Medley”
Douglass McFarland, organist; Dave Leeman, piano

arr. Joel Raney

Choral Introit

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***Call to Worship**

II Corinthians 4:4 & 6; Luke 2:14-15

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

People: But God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Minister: Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests!

Carol of Adoration, No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration Mr. McCracken

*Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)
The Rev. Michael Wichlan

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.

*Carols of Praise "The First Noel" --- "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in field as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

(Women only)

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far,
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

(Men only)

They entered in, those wise men three, full reverent upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.

But in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men."

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Amen"
Trinity Choir

arr. Jack Shrader

*The Offering Consecration

Mr. Wichlan

*The Doxology

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As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sins alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

*Sacrament of Baptism

Ashlyn Elle Croon daughter of Matt and Nicole Croon
Madeleine Grace Guerre daughter of Josh and Becky Guerre

*The Passing of the Peace

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Service of Friendship**

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:17-20
ESV Pew Bible, page 857

The Morning Sermon "Your 2010 Vocation is Rooted in Christmas"

There are four kinds of work our text calls you to in this next year:
The shepherds & Mary witnessed, wondered, treasured and gloried.

Song of Response

"Mary's Child"

Geoffrey Ainger

**Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home,
Coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.**

**Clear shining light, Mary's child, your face lights up our way.
Light of the world, Mary's child, dawn on our darkened day.**

**Truth of our lives, Mary's child, you tell us God is good.
Prove it is true, Mary's child, go to your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world, Mary's child, you're coming soon to reign.
King of the earth, Mary's child, walk in our streets again.
Walk in our streets again.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Philippians 1:27; 4:29

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

People: **With God's help, we will.**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

**All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*