

## Providence Presbyterian Church

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

#### SPECIAL MUSIC PRELUDE

"Reverent Praise"	Bell Choir, Carol Young	arr. Krug
"O Come, O Come, Emanuel"	Sue Payne	arr. Fettke
"The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy"	Men's Ensemble	arr. Robinson
"All Is Well"	Alyssa Conway	Michael W Smith
"Can Love Be Found"	Women's Ensemble	Peterson
"Because of Bethlehem"	Rick Herbster, Barb Hazlett	Matthew West
"O Holy Night"	Dr. Carole Parsons, Cheryl Reifsteck	

Lighting of the Advent Candles & Christ Candle Litany Waldman Family  
Tonight we light the four candles of the Advent wreath. Our time of waiting is over. The Christ Child has come! Alleluia! Tonight we light the Christ candle symbolizing Jesus' birth and presence with us here on earth-Emmanuel, God with us!

**Now a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Sing aloud, O people, and shout for joy!

**The Lord our God is in our midst.**

\*Unison Prayer

**Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*ProceSSIONAL Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" # 133

After this carol, please remain seated for the remaining carols until "Silent Night"

First Lesson Luke 1: 26-38

Carol "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" #119

Second Lesson Matthew 1: 1-25

Carol "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" # 132

Third Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

Carol "Away in a Manger" # 115

Fourth Lesson Luke 2: 8-14

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 113

Fifth Lesson Luke 2: 15-20

Anthem "Antiphonal Noel" arr. Nordmeyer

*"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9*

Tonight's offering goes to the PCUSA denomination's "Christmas Joy" offering which provides assistance to current/retired church workers and Presbyterian-related schools/colleges equipping communities of color.

Sixth Lesson John 1: 1-5, 10-18

Sermon "Good News of Great Joy"

Congregational Candle Lighting

Carol "Silent Night" # 122

Benediction

\*Recessional Carol "Joy to the World" # 134

\*Postlude

*\*Those who are able please stand*

Readers: Pastor Hilary, Sue Payne, Steve Parsons