

# Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twenty-fourth Day of December, Two Thousand and Nine

## Christmas Eve Communion

5:30 & 8:00 P.M. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please turn off your cell phone.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fantasia on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” . . . . . D. Willcocks  
“Il Est Ne” (He Is Born) - 18th cent French carol . . . arr. R. Hudson  
Prelude on “The Holly and the Ivy” . . . . . H. Sumison

*Lenora Morrow, Organist*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Sleep of the Infant Jesus” . . . . . Henri Büsser

*Mimi Schafer and Marian Schafer, harp; Paul Turnbow, violin*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Kari, Sean, Allie, John & Kathryn Haynes (5:30)  
Arlene & John Roberts (8:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: “All My Heart This Night Rejoices” . . . . . Johann Ebeling

All my heart this night rejoices,  
As I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices;  
“Christ is born,” their choirs are singing,  
Till the air, everywhere, now their joy is ringing.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,  
Soft and sweet, doth entreat, “Flee from woe and danger;  
Brethren, come; from all that grieves you  
You are freed; all you need I will surely give you.”

Come, then, let us hasten yonder;  
Here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder,  
Love Him Who with love is yearning;  
Hail the star that from afar bright with hope is burning.

Thee, dear Lord, with heed I’ll cherish;  
Live to Thee and with Thee, dying, shall not perish;  
But shall dwell with Thee for ever,  
Far on high, in the joy that can alter never.

*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Darrin S. Anthony (5:30)  
Jonathan R. Becker (8:00)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 225: “Once in Royal David’s City” . . . . . IRBY

*stanza 1: Laura Young, soloist · stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

✦PROPHETIC READING: Micah 4:11-5:5b . . . . . Allie Stephens (5:30)  
Robert Vestal (8:00)

But now many nations are gathered against you.  
They say, “Let her be defiled, let our eyes gloat over Zion!”

**But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord;  
They do not understand his plan,  
He who gathers them like sheaves to the threshing floor.**

“Rise and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for I will give you horns of iron;  
I will give you hoofs of bronze and you will break to pieces many nations.”

**You will devote their ill-gotten gains to the Lord,  
their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.**

Marshall your troops, O city of troops, for your siege is laid against us.

**They will strike Israel’s ruler on the cheek with a rod.**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,

**whose origins are from old, from ancient times.”**

Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time  
when she who is in labor gives birth  
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

**He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.**

And they will live securely,  
for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

**And he will be their peace.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . IRBY

**All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore Your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and sing, worship Christ the newborn King.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25 . . . . . Tyler Anthony (5:30)  
*(page 955 in pew Bible)* Brittain West (8:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO CHRIST JESUS . . . . . Andrew P. Wells (5:30)  
Michael G. Stokke (8:00)

*Tonight’s offering will benefit Second Presbyterian’s Caring Ministry Fund. This fund  
assists those in need among our members and in our community. If you would like to  
contribute to the general fund, please mark your check or offering envelope accordingly.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “O Holy Night” . . . . . CANTIQUE DE NOEL

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

*Ginger Statom, soloist*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GREENSLEEVES

**What child is this, Who laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOMILY *Mary With Child - God With Us* Sanders L. Willson

### LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH. . . . . The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF INVITATION No. 208: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” . . . . . ADESTE FIDELES

*stanzas 1-3*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
Who graciously sent Your son to be Immanuel,  
God with us,  
and before Whose throne the angels in heaven are singing,  
“Glory to God in the highest,”  
we bow before Your Majesty in humble adoration,  
acknowledging our need for forgiveness from all our sins  
and pleading for your healing grace to restore us.  
Please pardon, cleanse, and renew us  
that we may evermore love and serve You,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

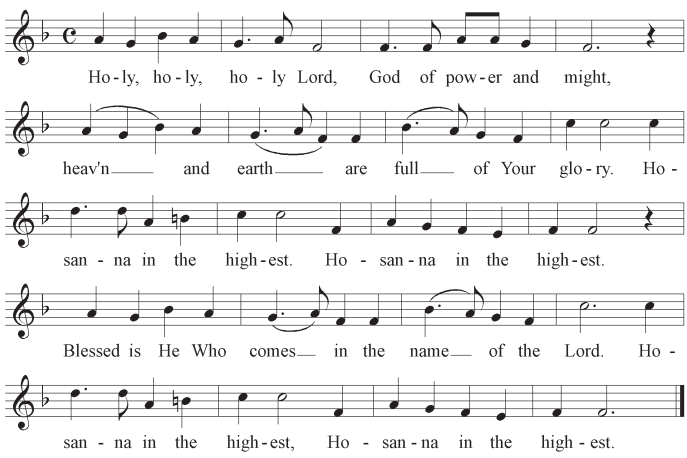
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet and right and our joyful duty to give thanks unto You,  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,  
and we praise You, King of Heaven, for Your lowly humility and Your infinite love  
whereby You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transformed us  
into the Kingdom of Light;

**Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly  
host, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, ever praising You  
and saying:**



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION AND 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.**

HYMN OF ADORATION .....ADESTE FIDELES

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: “There Is No Rose” .....B. Britten

There is no Rose of such virtue, as is the Rose of Jesus Christ.  
For in this Rose contained was Heaven  
And earth in little space; *Res miranda.* (marvelous thing)

By that Rose we may well see  
That he is God in persons three, *Pares forma.* (of equal form)  
The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
*Gloria in excelsis deo: Gaudeamus.* (let us rejoice)  
Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus.* (let us cross over)  
*Alleluia, res miranda, Pares forma, gaudeamus, Transeamus.*

*The Laudis Domini Singers*

SHARING OF THE CUP

SOLO MEDITATION: “Lute Carol” .....Mary Caldwell

What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice, awake the string!  
Heart, ear, and eye, and everything awake!  
The Darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room to welcome Him,  
To do Him honor, who’s our King and Lord of all this rejoicing!

*Terri Theil, soloist*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF PEACE. ....STILLE NACHT

**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, heav’nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

✠HYMN OF GLORY No. 214: “Angels We Have Heard on High” .....GLORIA

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis deo.  
Gloria in excelsis deo.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In Dulci Jubilo” .....arr. J. Woodman

✠Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

**December 27 Worship Schedule**  
On Sunday, December 27 only, we will have one morning worship service at 10 a.m.  
Congregational Communities and Sunday Night Worship will not meet.  
Nursery will be available.