"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2.12

"The Gift of Gifts"

O SOURCE OF ALL GOOD,

What shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts, Thine own dear Son, begotten, not created, my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute, His self-emptying incomprehensible, His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love;

when I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to Himself.

Herein is power;

when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.
Herein is wisdom;

when I was undone, with no will to return to Him, and no intellect to devise recovery, He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,

as man to die my death,

to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me,

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind;

let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;

place me with ox, camel, goat,

to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in Him account myself delivered from sin;

let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart, embrace Him with undying faith, exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.

—The Valley of Vision

Order for the Worship of God December 24, 2015 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

The Rev. Chad Scruggs

Introit

"Sing We Now of Jesus" High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir Emma Jennings and Faith Jennings, *handbells* NOEL NOUVELET French Carol

Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas Day. Sing we now of Jesus, born on a bed of hay. Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice; sing we now of Jesus, born the world to save.

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Matt Fray

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace

and truth!

People: We have beheld His glory! Alleluia!

*Carol

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

Stanza 1: Claire Dillahunty, Elizabeth Hatch, Claire Jennings, Emma Jennings, Faith Jennings, Josh Nash, Anna Thomas





Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

Nash Garvey seventh grade

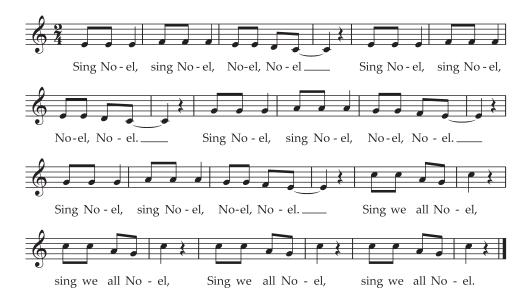
Anthem

"He Is Born" and "Sing Noel" French Carol/African Tune Chapel Choir arr. Vicki H. Wright

Ian Fischer, Patrick Fischer, Elizabeth Hatch, Emma Jennings, Faith Jennings, Claudya Josselyn, Logan McClure, Claire Ponder, Caleb Sanders, Jared Sanders, Anna Thomas, *handbells*

He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the musette, play the tuneful oboe. He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming; through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us. Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.

Please join in singing when so directed.



Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Fray

A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.

Musical Offering "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" QUELLE EST

CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir arr. Howland

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor; Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.



New Testament Reading

John 1.1-5, 14

Sarah Grace Zandstra twelfth grade

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir arr. Mack Wilberg

Claire Ponder, Interpretive Movement

Still, still, still, the Child's eyes softly close; and Mary, breathless, draws Him, weeping, to her heart made pure for keeping. Still, still, His bright eyes softly

Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles; and kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus with the angels bending o'er us. Sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh; for soon He'll wake the world from slumber, bringing life and endless wonder. Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh. Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep.

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2.1-7; John 1.1,14,16

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us... [And] from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace...

Christmas Devotional

"Grace upon Grace"

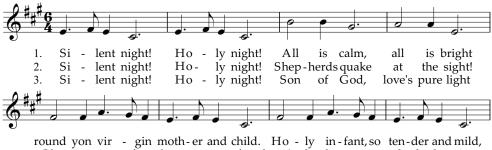
Mr. Scruggs

Anthem

"Night of Silence" High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir Daniel Kantor

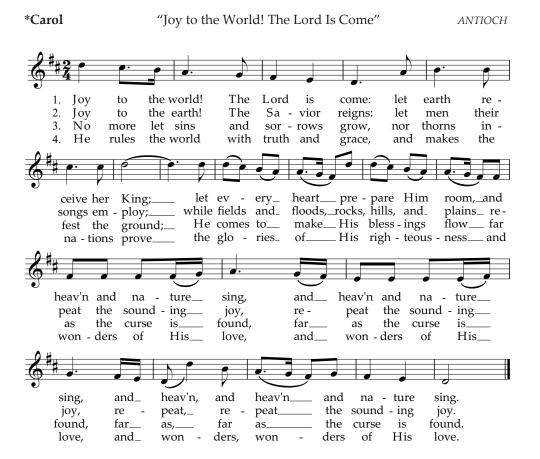
Spirit among us, shine like the star, with wings You enfold us, You speak of His love. Gentle on the ear, You whisper softly, rising in our hearts with the Son's love; Spirit moving through silent night, Spirit we wait for Your loving light.

Please join in singing when so directed.



Glo - ries stream from heav- en a - far, heav'n-ly hosts_sing al - le - lu - ia; ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,





*The Blessing Mr. Scruggs

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son, that we might live through Him. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become sons of God. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, who directs and rules our hearts.

All: (with a great voice) Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen!

Postlude "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" arr. Keith Chapman Mr. Cope, organ

*The Congregation stands.

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Ordabek Duissen, violin
Laura Liu, violin
Sterling Tyler, viola
David Fray, cello
James South, trumpet
Chelsea Orr, trumpet
Janis South, horn
Ron Wilson, trombone
Sandy Keathley, tuba
Chris Deane, percussion

High School Ensemble and Covenant Choir joyfully welcome the High School Ensemble alumni and the guest singers who are participating with them in this Christmas Eve worship service.

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