

# Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

## Aisquith Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2012

11:00 PM

Prelude (10:45 PM)

A Gigg	Byrd
Branle L'official	16 <sup>th</sup> c. French Dance
Pavaniglia	A. de Cabezon
Branle Gai	16 <sup>th</sup> c. French Dance
Belle qui tiens man vie	16 <sup>th</sup> c. French
Sarabande	Handel
The Sick Tune	16 <sup>th</sup> c. English
Harp Carol	arr. Hague
Pavane	Byrd
What Child Is This?	English traditional Carol
In Dulci Jubilo	14 <sup>th</sup> c. German
Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song	Monteverdi

Patricia Hengen, soprano  
Angela St. Pierre, soprano  
Marianne Brandli, flute  
Gloria Hague, harpsichord

Call to Worship (11:00 PM)

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare him room!  
And heaven and nature sing!*

This Christmas Eve, we light this white candle as a visible sign that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church. And we confess together...

**We believe in “one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of Gods, 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.”**

*The Nicene Creed*

Processional  
J. Gauntlett

*Once in Royal David's City*

H.

Lucas Hague and Andrew Oswinkle

(Hymn No. 225 – The congregation will **stand** and join in on verses 4 & 5)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,

Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

\*Invocation

## The Nine Lessons of Christmastide

The First Lesson  
Genesis 3:1-15

God declares in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the  
woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Goeller

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

French carol, arr.

The Second Lesson  
22:15-18

Genesis

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed  
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Martin

*Advent Cry*

Joseph

\*Carol No. 196 (vv. 1, 4)  
Hyfrydol

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2,

6, 7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Vulpius

*Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming*

The Fourth Lesson  
5:2-4

Micah

The prophet foretells the glory of Bethlehem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Carol No. 201 (vv. 1, 2)  
St. Louis

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

The Fifth Lesson  
Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Praetorius

*Enatus est Emmanuel*

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

The Evangelists tell of the birth of Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Wood

*A Virgin Most Pure*

English traditional, arr.

Patricia Hengen, soprano  
Angela St. Pierre, soprano

The Seventh Lesson  
2:8-16

Luke

The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Carol No. 200  
Carol

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all gracious King”;  
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend n hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

The Eighth Lesson  
2:1-11

Matthew

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Offering of Our Gifts  
The Offertory  
Shaw

*Coventry Carol*

arr.

The Ninth Lesson  
1:1-14

John

St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir  
Pergolesi

*Glory to God in the Highest*

G. B.

Katherine Fleming, soprano; Anne Leininger, alto,  
George Oswinkle, tenor and Jeff Soule, bass

\*Carol No. 210  
Nacht

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Stille

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!

\*Benediction

Now may He who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Mendelssohn

**(Please carefully extinguish all candles before you leave!)**

**A special thanks** to all our guest musicians and a special thanks to Mrs. Gloria Hague our Director of Music.

**Our Christmas Offering** will go to the *PCA Ministerial Relief Fund*.

**There will** be no Sunday School and only one service on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM tomorrow. *RockHouse* will **not** meet that evening.

**The 2013 offering envelopes** are in the narthex. If you would like to begin using envelopes for your giving, please sign up on the narthex table.

**The 2013 Flower Chart** is in the narthex. If you would like to dedicate a bouquet on a particular Sunday, please sign up now.