

Family Christmas Eve Service

Aisquith Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2013

6:00 PM

*You are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

Prelude *Estudio 17* Sor
Andrew Oswinkle, guitar

Call to Worship

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God's love. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation" (Col. 1:15).

"Christ Jesus, who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped" (Phil. 2:6).

"But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness" (Phil. 2:7).

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory. The glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

We light this candle to remind us, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Invocation

The Word Foretold

*Carol No. 208 (vv. 1-3) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles

The Old Testament Reading (selected passages)

*Carol No. 203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

The Word Welcomed

The Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-16

Special Music *Joy to the World* Handel
Patapan Bergundian Carol
Handbell Choir

The Offering of Our Thanks

Offertory

A Story of Christmas

**All the children are invited to join Pastor Bell
at the front of the sanctuary.**

Special Music *O Holy Night* Adam
Sadie Heston, violin
Wendy Wickham, piano

The Word Embraced

The Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1-11

*Carol No. 210 *Silent Night, Holy Night* Stille Nacht

*Benediction

Postlude *Quittez Pasteurs* Noyon
Gloria Hague, organ

We thank all of our musicians for their participation tonight.

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

Please do not take your poinsettias home until after the 11:00 PM service.

There will be no Sunday School and only one service on Sunday, December 29th at 10 AM. *RockHouse* will **not** meet that evening.

The 2014 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 2014 Flower Chart is in the narthex. If you would like to dedicate a bouquet on a particular Sunday, please sign up now.