

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2006

11:00 P.M. Worship



Prelude

***Processional Hymn #41** *O Come, All ye Faithful*

Church Bell

Introit *Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light*
(From the Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach)

*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Leader: On those who have dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

People: **We have beheld Jesus' glory, glory as the Son of God and as our brother.**

Leader: For to us and to all a child is born!

People: **In him is life, and this life is the light of all the people! Amen.**

***Carol #23** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

An Opening Unison Prayer

When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run half of her swift course, your all-powerful Word, O God, leapt down from heaven, from the birthplace of all that has ever existed. May this simple birth of Jesus that we remember tonight summon us always to love what is most deeply human, and to see your Word made flesh reflected in those lives we touch. We ask this through Christ, our brother and our friend. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Anthem *A Heavenly Song is Sung* (Swiss Folksong
Arranged by Clarence Dickinson)

Scripture Lesson I Genesis 1:1 - 5, 14 - 18 Diana Green
(*God said, "Let there be light"*)

***Carol #9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Reading *Sparrow* Fred Griffing

***Carol #36** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Scripture Lesson III Luke 1:26 - 38 Jenna Tiitsman
(*The birth of Jesus foretold by Gabriel*)

***Carol #31:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Scripture Lesson IV Luke 2: 1 - 7 Beatrice Rasmussen
(*Mary Gives Birth to Jesus*)

Anthem *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* (American
Folksong, Arranged by John Rutter)

Scripture Lesson V John: Chapter 1 William Pfaff
(*The Grace of God has appeared!*)

***Carol #56** *The First Nowell*

Children's Message *L'Enchant*

Anthem *As It Fell Upon A Night*
(English Carol Arranged by Katherine K. Davis)

Meditation *Let Heaven and Nature Sing!*

Anthem *Lullay My Liking* (Words from "A Medieval Anthology" Music by Gustav Holst)

Offering of Our Gifts

Anthem *Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Sounding*
(From Cantata, No. 140 by J.S. Bach)

***Hymn 591** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Bell

***Carol #40** *Joy to the World!*

***Benediction**

Carol #60 *Silent Night, Holy Night*
(Candlelight. Instructions will be given
for the end of the service.)

Postlude

** All who are able please join us in standing.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2006



*We are a Christian community welcoming all
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

Reflection:

***“I shall light a candle of understanding,
which shall not be put out.”***

Apocrypha: II Esdras Chapter 14:25