

Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you,
Close your eyes,
Let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

* **Hymn #592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

* **Hymn #603** *Song of Simeon, Nunc Dimittus* (Luke 2:29-32)

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*



The Palisades Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You

December 31, 2006

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: It has always been true that hope for our future

All: Is most present in the children that are all around us.

Leader: The philosopher once said: A nation is to be judged by how it treats its children,

All: Or as Jesus put it: "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Leader: As we prepare for worship, let us keep in mind the children in our lives, and remember that by being here for them, we are here for God and ourselves.

All: For it was Jesus who once came to this world as a child, and he often still does -- even today.

Leader: Let us raise our voices in praise and song and thanksgiving on this last day of 2006!

All: And, as we do, let us remember the children all around us and in each of us, as we sing and give thanks. Amen

***Hymn 439:** *In Christ There is No East or West*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison) – A variation of

Third Millennial Prayer for Children, by Marian Wright Edelman

O God of all time, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and eternity -
Give us courage in our lifetimes
To pray and act to end all war and conflicts,
Which leave behind any people, old or young,
Lost in the rubble of spirit, home, and community.

Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, and all with a mothering spirit -
Let us declare and demand:
No more war. No more violence and abuse.
No more killing. No more...

O God of yesterday, today, tomorrow, and eternity -
Our dwelling place in all generations,
Give us courage to sow seeds of life and hope for the future,
And to fight with all our moral might for justice for every child,
Old and young.

Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, and all with a mothering spirit -
Let us declare and demand:
No more hunger, No more homelessness.
No more poverty. No more...

O God of yesterday, every child's history,
O God of today, every child's birthright,
O God of tomorrow, every child's inheritance,
O God of eternity, every child's hope,
Lift our voices against the spiritual and cultural pollution,
Which leave dreamless and purposeless the many or the few.

Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, and all with a mothering spirit -
Let us stand together and build a world fit for children and those who love them,
Calling all to serve, to care, and to act so the day of the "left behind" is no more.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness:

* **Hymn #322** Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offering to One Another of a Sign of Peace

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Anthem *Go Tell It On the Mountain* - John Rutter

2nd Reading Luke 2:41-52

Sermon *And they were amazed...*

* **Hymn #47 Still, Still, Still** (Traditional Austrian Verses)

Still, still, still
One can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed,
The world is sleeping,
Holy Star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.

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