

**Announcements**    *Please see insert.*

**Performance:**            Luke & Amos, Roger Buck & John Garland

~ Children Dismissed after the Performance to Church School

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**            Isaiah 7:10-16

**Anthem**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**            Matthew 1:18 -25

**Sermon**                 *Sisters & Brothers of Jesus...*

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

**Offering our Gifts and Tithes**

**Offertory Music**

\* **Doxology #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**

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

\* **Hymn # 29**            *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\* **Charge and Blessing**

\* **Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*\*All that are able please stand.*

†PC(USA)

**Palisades Presbyterian Church**

Palisades, New York 10964

December 23, 2007

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



*Reflection...*

A little child  
Enters by a secret door, alone,  
Was not, and is,  
Carrying his torch aflame.  
In pilgrim cloak and hood  
Many and many come,  
Or is it the one child  
Again and again?

(Puer Aeternus, Kathleen Raine)  
*Courtesy of South Presbyterian Church,  
Dobbs Ferry, New York*

## The Palisades Presbyterian Church

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**December 23, 2007**

*Welcome!* Worship at Palisades Church begins with meditation. The music, the quote on the cover, the quiet of this place is all meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work. Thank you for entering the spirit of this place, this hour, by honoring the silence.

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### Prelude

### Church Bell

#### \* Invitation to Worship<sup>†</sup>

One: This is the season of holy waiting.

**All: We wait for a baby to be born; a child filled with the Holy Spirit.**

One: We wait for a baby to be born, in whose presence we know  
God-is-with-us.

**All: We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.**

One: Come let us walk in the light of God!

**All: Come let us worship God together!**

\* Hymn # 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

### Unison Prayer<sup>†</sup>

God, you are both tender and mighty—  
a shepherd we can trust.  
You call to us and gather us.  
You feed us and bid us rest in your care.  
Still we fear the world around us  
and fail to seek your help when we are lost.  
Still we struggle stupidly against you—  
refusing your comfort and ignoring your  
commands.  
Renew us, please, and restore us, God of hosts.  
Show us the light of your face,  
that we may be find our way to you.  
Amen.

### Silent Reflection

### Musical Meditation

### Prayer of Assurance

\* **Hymn #316** Breathe on me, breath of God.  
Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
and do what Thou wouldst do.

### \* We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace

**Lighting of the Advent Candle for LOVE!** Margaret Allan & Josh

\* **Hymn 9: *O Come, O Come Immanuel*** (Verse 3)  
O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!