PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2024 5:30 PM

Prelude Ensemble

"O Viridissima Virga"

Hildegard von Bingen, arr. Caitlin Foster

Sandra Murphy, Caryn Patterson, Beth Langley

Kent Bradshaw, organ

"Reflections on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM"

arr. Iteke Prins

Sandra Murphy, organ

Caryn Patterson, flute

"It Was a Night of Stars"

Mary E. Caldwell

Kent Bradshaw, baritone

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

Robert Allen, tenor

"How Beautiful Are the Feet"

George Frideric Handel

Megan Hook, soprano

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For unto us a child is born,

unto us a Son is given.

And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Joy to the world!

The Lord is come!

Glory to God in the highest!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*HYMN #41 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

OPENING PRAYER

READING I

Reading "Noel" by J. R. R. Tolkien

"Carol of the Bells" Mykola Leontovych/Peter Wilhousky

The Park Central Ensemble

*Hymn #23 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

READING II

Reading Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #53 What Child Is This Greensleeves

Hymn #44 O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis

"Hodie Christus Natus Est" Traditional, arr. Megan Hook

Megan Hook, soprano

READING III

Reading Luke 2:8-14

*Hymn #40 Joy to the World! ANTIOCH

"The Work of Christmas" Dan Forrest

Beth Langley, alto

READING IV

Reading Luke 2:15-20

"Mary, Did You Know?" Buddy Greene

Michael Spencer, guitar and vocals

"Sleep, My Dearest Savior" Charles Ives

adapted: Kent Bradshaw

Kent Bradshaw, baritone

*Hymn #56 The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

READING V

Reading

"I Will Light Candles This Christmas" by Howard Thurman

*THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

As the light is passed, light your candle by tipping it to the lit candle of the person next to you.

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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. Heavenly 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

*Postlude

"On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)"

arr. Quentin Thomas

As you exit, please leave your candles in the containers near the doors.

Readers

Michael Barbour

Susan Barbour

Rev. Sarah McTyre, pastor Rev. Brigid Boyle, parish associate Briana Vaught, ministry intern Robert Allen, music director Sandra Murphy, keyboard musician