

# **BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**December 24, 2007                      Christmas Eve                      11:00 p.m.**

We joyfully greet our members and their loved ones and all our visitors on this Christmas Eve! We remember together, with awe and gratitude, how God shone his light into our darkness on that first Christmas. We pray that we may be bearers of his light to all who languish in the darkness of poverty, illness and fear. May we share with them the light that shines from the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY**

#### **ASCRIBING PRAISE TO GOD**

**PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE**

**“Bethlehem Pastoral”**

**Steven Scott**

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

**CHOIR**

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS:**

*L: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!*

**C: SHOUT TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.  
ALLELUIA!**

*L: O Christ, splendor of God’s eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.*

**C: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

**are available from the ushers**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

*L: O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.*

**C: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.**

*L: O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations: Fulfill our desires in you.*

**C: COME, LORD JESUS.**

*L: O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world live in peace and justice.*

**C: LORD, BE BORN ANEW IN US.**

**\*CAROL**                      41                      “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION:**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

**Jeffrey Trethewey and David Barry**

**CHOIR**    “O Holy Night”

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST LESSON:**    **Isaiah 9:2-7**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**SOLO**    “Let There Be Peace On Earth”  
**Irene Barry**

**SECOND LESSON:**    **Titus 2:11- 14**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**FLUTE SOLO**    “O Come All Ye Faithful”  
**Jessica Wilson**

**\*GOSPEL:**

**Luke 2:1-14**

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

**MESSAGE      “A SACRED CELEBRATION”      Dr. Peck**

**\* CAROL      43      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**OFFERTORY      “Tender Shepherd”      Gilbert Martin**

**\*DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

**The Ushers will light the candle at the end of each pew, who in turn will light the candle next to them. Please tilt only the unlighted candle.**

**\*CAROL      60      “Silent Night**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING:**

**POSTLUDE      “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
Tom Burchwood**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS under the cross are given in loving memory of parents and grandparents, Janet and Henry Hubert by Ray and Allison Hubert.**

**May we also enjoy all the Poinsettias everyone gave to make our sanctuary such a joy to behold.**