

# Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Christmas Eve Service of Lights

December 24, 2016

7:00 PM

### PRELUDE

*Christmas Melodies/* R. Loucks  
*Silent Night/* arr. G. Robinson  
Aviendha Fogie, Harp

◇A time of quiet preparation

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 5 (NIV)  
Alison Carzola

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/* arr. M. Connolly

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

### PRAYER

### \*OPENING HYMN 208

*ful*

*O Come, All Ye Faith-*

### WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

CHRIST CANDLE  
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Fred, Stephanie & Tim Hu-

### CHORAL ANTHEM

Bach

*From Heaven Above/* J. S.

From Heav'n above to earth I come,  
To bear good news to every home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing.  
To you, this night, is born a Child  
Of Mary chosen mother mild;  
This tender Child of lowly birth,  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

### SCRIPTURE READING

(NIV)

Luke 2:8-20

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Kevin, Salome, Joshua & James Tie-

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**\*HYMN 222**  
*Flocks*

*While Shepherd Watched Their*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**  
throp

*This Child, This King/ D. Gaw-*

Let us see this child, this king,  
softly now He comes, as was foretold.  
Angels surround Him, Heaven sings His name.  
Let us see this child, this king,  
wrapped in swaddling as we wrap our own,  
Born of a virgin, born in David's city.  
Why should the angels of heav'n come down  
unto poor shepherds of Bethlehem town?  
Why should God love us and send His Son,  
His only begotten, the radiant One?  
Let us see this child, this king,  
wrapped in swaddling as we wrap our own,  
Born of a virgin, born in David's city, born this holy night,  
born to wear a crown. Let us see this king.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

Landon Horst

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head/ arr. W. Gorton*

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.  
All the evil folk on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.  
Jesus, Jesus rest your head, you have got a manger bed.  
Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother went to the stable on that Christmas eve so late?  
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, stars were glowing, glowing.  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.  
To the manger came the wise men, bringing things from hin and yon,  
for the mother and the father, and the blessed little Son.  
Shepherds left their fields and flocks and sat beside the ass and ox.  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.  
All the evil folk on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.

**\*HYMN 230**

*Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

**OFFERING/ OFFERTORY**

**DRAMA**

*Problems at the Inn*  
*Out of the Box*

**HOMILY**

*No Room*  
Luke 2:1-7  
Rev. Dwight McKay

*\*Children's Choir is now quietly dismissed to the Narthex \**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Fall on Your Knees/ P. Choplin*

Come, see the Child, He is here by the fire, silently come,  
draw near the manger side. Look in His face and see  
the world's salvation, and feel the holy peace, fall on your knees.

Open your eyes, now the holy star is rising, rays of light will shine  
to touch your soul. Open your heart to the glory and the wonder.

Feel the holy peace, fall on your knees.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

O night divine, night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Come now, and fall on your knees as you worship in His presence. Thanks  
be to God—you have found the holy Child. Blessed are all who have seen  
the Lord's salvation. Come and lift your voice. Let your heart rejoice and  
praise the Prince of peace. Fall on your knees.

**CANDLE LIGHTING** (Children's Choir only vs. 1)

*Silent Night*

**\*CLOSING HYMN 195**

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

**WORDS OF PEACE****POSTLUDE**

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/ arr. K. Varner*

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