

First Presbyterian Church

Kasson, Minnesota

December 24, 2018

5:30 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Liturgist: Amy Borgstrom

*The Processional Hymn No. 38: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*Call to Worship

L: Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger.

All: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Holtz Family

“Come, Child of Light”

Choir

Unison Bidding Prayer

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Let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the church he came to build, and especially in this, our own community.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us to pray saying: Our Father...

*Hymn No. 28: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

* Prayer of Dedication:

Most gracious God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. He is your greatest gift to humankind. Use our gifts and offerings to bring the light of Christ to people who long for your grace. We pray in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn No. 44: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 2:10-13

Cantata: The Glory of Christmas by Lloyd Larson

“The Glory of Christmas!” Come & Worship the Newborn King
Choir

Narration 1: The Hope of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” Choir

Narration 2: The Promise of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Prepare the Way of the Lord!” Choir

Narration 3: The Wonder of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Child of Promise, Child of Love” Solo: Kristy Johnson, Choir
Scenes: Mary & the Angel ~ Mary & Joseph

Narration 4: The Majesty of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Jesus is Born Tonight!” Choir
Scene: Shepherds & the Angel

Narration 5: The Mystery of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Christ is Born This Holy Night” Choir
Scene: Shepherds find the manger

Narration 6: The Brilliance of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“Guide Us to the Perfect Light” Choir
Scene: Enter the Magi

Narration 7: The Glory of Christmas Nathan Gransee & Ann Riggs
“The Glory of Christmas!” (Finale) Choir

Unison Closing Prayer

*** Holy child of Bethlehem, you are the hope of the world, the song of the angels, the treasure of our hearts, and the glory of God among us. Send us out to serve you, sharing good news of great joy, and praising God through you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 60: Silent Night, Holy Night
(We will light our candles during the hymn. As the light is shared, please tip the unlit candle toward the lit one.)

Go in Peace ~ Merry Christmas!

Worship at 10:00 am
Fellowship at 11:00
Office hours W & F 8-12
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Newsletter submission deadline 8:00 am December 26th.

Bulletin submission deadline 8:00 am Friday.

Thanks to all who contributed to the poinsettia memorials. What a beautiful tribute to those being remembered. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve service.