

CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 5:30 p.m.

December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Carol of the Bells Mykola Leontovych; arr. Samuel Stokes
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
O God, give us such love and wonder that with shepherds, magi, and pilgrims unknown,
we may come to adore the holy child, the promised King, and with our gifts worship
him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Lighting the Christ Candle The Krech/Mayne Family

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, choir and congregation stand to sing
Hymn 23 Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Psalm 96:1,3-5,11-13

Unison

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Declare God’s glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Anthem

Carol for the King

French Christmas Chanson

Mary came with meekness, Jesus Christ to bear, laid the Lord of glory in a manger there.

We come rejoicing, Jesus Christ to love, baby in a manger, King of heav’n above.

Angels came with praises Jesus Christ to name, heaven’s choirs exalting Him who bears our shame.

Shepherds came with trembling, Jesus Christ to see,

King who at their bidding would their shepherd be.

Wise men came with treasure, Jesus Christ to bless,

He Who shares all blessings heav’n and earth possess.

(-- Paul Wigmore; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1995)

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

Solo

O, Holy Night

Adolphe Adam, 1847

Karen Schlichte, Soprano

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Sermon

Christmas Annual

Mike Krech

“... to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. John Rutter, 1980

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing,

Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing,

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory, heard the story,

tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow, Christ

the Babe was born for you. (– Traditional Polish carol, translated by Edith M. Reed)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Please place empty cups in the holder in the chair in front of you.

Hymns during Communion

58 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks Winchester Old

47 Still, Still, Still Still, Still, Still

25 Away in a Manger Mueller

After the Passing of the Light

Silent 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 host 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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing

Alleluias to our King: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Ushers: Hugh Bishop and Brooks Keiser

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