

## LITANY OF CANDLELIGHTING

Pastor: The people walking in great darkness                      Isaiah 9:2

**People: Have seen a great light**

Pastor: Arise, Shine, your light has come                      Isaiah 60:1

**People: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

Pastor: For unto you is born this day                      Luke 2:11

**People: A Savior who is Christ the Lord.**

**All: Let our light so shine.**                      Matthew 5:16

## \*THE CONCLUDING CAROL

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love

**\*THE BENEDICTION**    *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ~ Numbers 6:24-26*

*\*Congregation stands as able*

## WELCOME TO HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate the birth the Savior, Jesus Christ with us the Christmas Eve. If you are visiting and are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our Elders. Also for parents of young children, a cry room is available next to the entrance to the Sanctuary. We pray that during this service tonight that the Lord may bless you with the enjoyment that is found only in the understanding the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us worship Him together.

Merry Christmas,

Rev. Mark J. Blalack, Pastor

## THE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

Light is a Christian symbol so old that it has the sanction of Jesus Himself who most likely told His disciples on many occasions that "You are the light of the world."

Thus, as the lights in the Sanctuary are dimmed, let that darkness remind us that before the coming of Christ Jesus the world was engulfed in the darkness of sin. The Minister will light the Elders' Candles, which reminds us of Christ, the Light of the World.

The Elders will light the candles of the worshipers at the end of each pew, and they in turn, will pass the light from one to the other, reminding us that Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

The Congregation will please remain seated during the candlelighting. As the candles are being lit, the Congregation will sing "Silent Night." When the candles are lit following the Litany of Candlelighting, the Congregation will stand and sing "Joy to the World", followed by the Benediction.

At the conclusion of the Benediction, as the Sanctuary lights are turned on, please extinguish all candles before turning and extending Christmas greetings to those who worship near you.

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# HARMONY

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2300 BLOOMINGDALE ROAD

KINGSPORT TN 37664

## A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

OF LESSONS & CAROLS,

COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, 5:30 PM

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## \*THE OPENING CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*(Refrain) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel, *(Refrain)*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth,  
*(Refrain)*

## \*INVOCATION

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 3:8-19**

**THE CAROL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lowly exile here,  
 Until the Son of God appear.

*(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
 From depths of hell Thy people save,  
 And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)*

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path of misery. *(Refrain)*

**THE SECOND LESSON****Isaiah 9:2-7****\*THE CAROL**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;  
 Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King,  
 Born to reign in us for ever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
 By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**THE THIRD LESSON****Luke 1:26-38****THE CAROL**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
 The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
 And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**THE FOURTH LESSON****Luke 2:1-7****THE CAROL**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the King,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
 The King of Kings salvation brings,  
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**THE FIFTH LESSON****Luke 2:8-16****\*THE CAROL**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
*(Refrain) Glo-ria in excelsis Deo, Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*(Refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
*(Refrain)*

**\*THE SIXTH LESSON****Matthew 2:1-11****\*THE CAROL**

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
 Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

*(Refrain) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light;  
 Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
 Very God, begotten, not created; *(Refrain)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
 Glory to God in the highest; *(Refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:  
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
 Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; *(Refrain)*

**THE SEVENTH LESSON****John 1:1-14**

**THE HOMILY** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ~ Galatians 4:4-5*

**COMMUNION****PRAYER****CANDLELIGHTING****THE CAROL**

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! 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 alleluia to our King;  
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

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