

A Christmas Eve Service for Children, Family and Friends

December 24, 2016
Three O'clock

Gathering Music

Cam Bishop

Welcome

Pam Johnston

This afternoon, we give God thanks for his wonderful gift of love.
As you listen, let the music and words fill your soul with the joy of Christ.

Call to Worship

Veronica Perkins

Let us celebrate Christmas in the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
who came to us from the heart of God's own being,
taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.
Let us worship God.

* Congregational 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; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Kinross Family

We celebrate God's entering into our lives in human form,
to bring light to all the world.
May love be reborn in our hearts this night.

Act of Praise

"Christ is Born"

Wesley Choir Ensemble

Prayer

Ben Morris and George Dunn

Loving God, we praise and thank you for the joys of this Christmas:
the music and the singing,
the gathering of family and friends,
the gifts we give and receive.
We thank you most of all for your great gift to us -
the child Jesus. **Amen.**

* Scripture and Message

Pam Johnston

Adapted from Luke 1, 2:1-20

Congregational Carols

**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.**

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star/
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Invitation to Communion

Pam Johnston

He invites us to celebrate at His table.
Let us confess our sins to God.
(Pray in silence)
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Come receive communion and leave offering if you choose.
As you leave, take a candle from the basket as you return to your seat.*

* Song of Prayer

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 hosts 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,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

* Benediction

Pam Johnston

May Christ's Spirit of love fill our hearts to overflowing,
and His Spirit of peace be upon everyone, everywhere. **Amen.**

Please return candles to baskets at each exit of the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2016

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Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Abigail Bishop, Jack Carter, Avery Morris, Nativity Participants

Gordon & Graham Johnston, Callie Evans,

Emma Johnston & Campbell Ann Sellers, Communion Stewards