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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2015

7:00 PM

“Do not be afraid!

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;

He is the Messiah, Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

PRELUDE

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

arr. by J. B. Calkin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
All: on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
Leader: Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power,
let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
**Please stand as you are able*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Todd and Melissa Obidowski and Jenna

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:44-50

COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

**Give us, O God, such love and wonder, that with the shepherds,
the wise men, 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. Amen**

*HYMN No. 31 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

HYMN NO. 44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1, 10-14

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children through 6th grade are invited to come down to the chancel

HYMN NO. 56 “The First Nowell”
(verses 1-4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM “Canon for Christmas”
arr. by Larry Clark

Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

*HYMN No. 40 “Joy to the World”

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Hallelujah” Youth Choir
arr. by Teena Chinn

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Good News”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

ANTHEM “Christmas Hallelujah” Youth Choir & Kids Choir
by Cloverton

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle, please be very careful.
Assist children who are holding candles, and be sure to tip the unlit candle towards the lit one
to avoid dripping hot wax.*

HYMN “Silent Night” ~see insert
Mark Dudgeon, Guitar

BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candles before you leave your pews,
and place them in the boxes located at each exit door.*

POSTLUDE “Echo Alleluia”
by Richard Blake

*We will be combining our worship services on Sunday, December 27, 2015.
Please join us at 10 AM that Lord’s Day morning to worship our Lord, the newborn King!*

*We will return to our regular 8:30 and 11:10 AM worship services on Sunday, January 3, 2016
when we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.*