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**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2017
10:00 PM**

PRELUDE "Christmas Reflections" Sarah Douglas

WORDS OF WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through Him.

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

*HYMN No. 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
**please stand as you are able.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Colaizzi Family

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

ANTHEM "Born a Mighty King" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN No. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14

ANTHEM "Welcome to Our World" Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Christmas Offering" Paul Baloche
Scott Hughes, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-14
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Peace on Earth – The Glory of God" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 40 "Joy to the World"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving
**please hold each element until all are served so that we may partake together*

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

BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candles before you leave your pews, and place the candles
and the plastic holders in the boxes located at each exit door so they can be used
again next Christmas. Thank you.*

POSTLUDE "Joy on Christmas Day" Gregg Sewell

*We will be combining our worship services on Sunday, December 31, 2017.
Please join us at 10 AM that Lord's Day morning for worship.*