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WELCOME TO
ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2013
10:00 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*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

Ron Bernhardt, Organist

INTROIT

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
“Celtic Advent Carol”

Chancel Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All God’s people—boys and girls, women, men:

All: Come and worship!

Leaders: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

All: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

*HYMN No. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Damico Family
Dan, Christen, and Sami

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

**God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem
into the darkness of our night.**

**Open our eyes to Christ’s presence in the shadows of our world.
Grant us your Spirit, that we might shine with the same light of love
that you have shown us through Christ’s birth. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM

“Away in a Manger/Still, Still, Still”

Chancel Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN NO. 44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10; 62:11-12

*HYMN NO. 56

“The First Noel”

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Hosanna”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

SERMON

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 40

“Joy to the World”

PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

“Candlelight Communion Carol”

Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Passing the Bread and the Cup

**please hold each element until all are served so that we may partake together*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SONG OF RESPONSE

“O Holy Night”

Jennifer Clayton

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 them in the boxes located at each exit door.*

POSTLUDE