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Perinton Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021

8pm

*We are so glad to have you with us on this holy night,
as we gather to celebrate Christ's birth.*

*If you are looking for a church home, know that you are welcome here
and we hope you will be blessed by this time of worship.*

Please take a moment now to silence electronic devices. Welcome!

We Gather

Prelude

Yurie Mitsuhashi, Violin

Ivanka Driankova, Piano

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

PPC Choir
Charlotte Granville and Ivanka Driankova, Piano

Welcome

Pastor Laura Fry

*Call to Worship

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth!”

O come let us adore him!

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

O come let us adore him!

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Carol: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#133, verses 1, 3, 4

Micah Foretells the Glory of Little Bethlehem

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
Heintz

Pastor Harry

Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
verses 1, 2, 4

#121,

Isaiah Foretells the Birth and Glory of the Messiah

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Kristen Schroder

Carol: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

#129, verses 1 & 2

The Righteous Branch from the Stump of Jesse

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9
Knickerbocker

David

Carol: "Once in Royal David's City"

#140, verses 1, 2,

4

Offering

*Tonight's offerings will support our youth group's
mission service in our community and world.*

Ushers will bring the offering plates to the end of each pew.

Thank you for your gifts!

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

The Birth of the Savior in Bethlehem

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Sam Schraver

*Carol: "Joy to the World"

#134, verses 1 & 4

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Braun Family and Chris Routier

"Candles of Advent"

Advent candles warm and bright, fill the world with radiant light.

Help us greet the Promised One; now the Son of God has come.

Angels and Shepherds Rejoice

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:9-20

Robbyn Drew

*Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#119

The Word Proclaimed

Pastor Laura

Fry

"O Holy Night"

Kim

Fabrizi, Soprano

Arr. Mark Hayes

St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation

*The Sixth Lesson: John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him

not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him

was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in

the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,

full of grace and truth.

Pastoral Prayer
Heintz

Pastor Harry

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

Please assist children with candles. An usher will bring the light to the end of your pew. Please dip the unlit candle to the flame.

**Carol: "Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

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, heav'nly 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.

**Benediction*

Postlude

Ivanka Driankova and Yurie Mitsuhashi

** Please rise in body or in spirit for these portions of the service.*

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Worship with Us on Christmas Sunday!

On Christmas Sunday, December 26, we will worship together at 9:30am (not 8:30 or 11:00 on December 26--or January 2). Children are urged to come in their pajamas. Adults are encouraged to wear Christmassy clothing, from head to toe. This is a special Sunday and we are going to celebrate joyfully.

COVID Safety

We want to remind everyone of our COVID safety practices at PPC:

1. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and rest.
2. We urge everyone to get vaccinated.
3. Thank you for wearing masks in the church building.
4. Please offer warm spoken greetings, rather than handshakes or hugs.

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